

Classis Greater Los Angeles Meetings

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Thursday October 11 AND **Tuesday**, October 16, 2012

LA Community Church and (Hope Int'l Church, Arcadia THURS)

10611 S. Hoover St. Los Angeles, CA 90044

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 Classical Credentials.

(blank pdf copy attached – print & fill out)

(emerging churches get your sponsor church to include you on their credentials or to sign yours)

8:00 – 8:25 AM Welcome reception

8:30 AM Worship & Business begins at 9:00 AM

Chairperson: Dan Brink Vice Chair: David Lee Clerk: Sid Sybenga

Agenda See Separate agenda for the Examination part of the meeting to be held in Arcadia Thursday 6 PM

8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: Race Relations Team

9:00 AM Introductions , Credentials, signing of Covenant for Office Bearers (p.3)

9:15 AM RRT report: Motion to approve two new members on the team. (p.4-5)

9:30 AM CCT Report Article 23 Examinations Marco Arandia & Kathy Xu (p.5-8)

10:30 AM Coffee Break

11:00 AM CLT report: Realignment & Health Plan proposals (p.8-13) Clerk (p.13-17)

11:20 AM CENT report: PLEASE NOTE guidelines for the Evangelism Fund (p.18 -35)

11:50 AM LDT report: (p.35- 37) Motion: Hispanic Leader Development plan. (p.32)

12:05 AM Church Credential Communications to Classis (p.38)

12:10 PM Finance Team report: Motion: 2013 budget at \$62 per member (p.38-42)

12:30 PM CCT report action of Thursday October 11 meeting and follow up (p.42)

12:40 PM Guest speakers: Dick Van Eck (World Renew) &

Steve Nyenhuis (CRCNA - Disabilities Concerns)

12:50 PM 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

GLA GOALS for 2013

1. Create Learning, Encouragement, Accountability, Dreaming (LEAD) teams in which all pastors want to participate
2. Train new leaders together in our multi-ethnic Leadership Development Network
3. Provide resources and support for measurable growth in congregational health
4. Provide our healthy congregations resources and support to birth or adopt new congregations
5. Raise up multi-ethnic lay leaders who will participate in the teams of Classis.

1. **8:30 AM Opening devotions: Race Relations Team**
2. **9:00 AM Introductions** (Dan Brink), **Credentials** (Clerk)
and **signing the Covenant For Office Bearers**

Classis GLA Roster of Churches – the credentials received

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen		
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe		
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga, Adriana Sybenga, Faith Lim (CP), Gary Stevens, Charles Ho (CP)		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First			
Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek, Lon Wagner (CP)		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Dionisio Aguhob		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink, Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang, Hyuksoo Kwon, SunHo Bae		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Elmer Tandayu		
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
La Habra, Fountain of Life Mission			
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Jin So Yoo, Tae Kim, Pablo Lee Rich Kim, Jin Phil Huh, Ken Hong, David Lee Peter Kang, Christina Kang, Jim Seung John Lee, Chris Choe		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga, Daniel Mendez		
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones		
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Ron Black		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, Charles Kim (CP)		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian			
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong (emeritus)		
Sun Valley, Bethel			
Sun Valley, Sol del Valle	Carlos Aranguiz		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
	MA = Ministry Associate		

Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church
Artesia City Church	Wallace Williams - MA	Bethany Bellflower
Anaheim Friendship	Maged Dakdouk	Anaheim CRC
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations		All Nations Church
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Jae Kun Lee - O	Bethany, Bellflower
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	Ryan Ver Wys - CP	New City, Long Beach
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Tim Kwon - O	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Andrew Choh - CP	Rosewood, Bellflower
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Jerry Kraesig - CP	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau - CP	FoL Fountain Valley
Journey Christian Fellowship (ANC)		All Nations Church
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Montclair Indonesian		Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp
Santa Clarita Hope Community Church	David Kong - O	Bethany Korean
Venice Beach, Talking Stick	Rich Braaksma - CP	Trinity, Artesia
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC	Jonas Muljo - O	Hope International
Whittier, Ephesus Church	James Lee - O	Urim Church (Cal South)
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		<i>C=Candidate</i>

3. **9:15 AM: Race Relations Team (RRT) Report**

www.racerelations.org/www.classisgla.org

Our purpose: is to help all of Classis Greater Los Angeles to promote ministry that is racially and culturally inclusive in congregations and their local communities.

Team Members: Rev. Fatu Auau, Frank de Haan, Rev. Richard Jones (Co-Chair),
Rev. Daniel Mendez (Co-Chair), Ruth Palma, and Mattie Young.

Members to be endorsed: * Rev. Alison Jones (Race Relation Advisory Council member)
* Irma Mendez

1. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a. It is our hope to continue the dialogue with the CLT & RRT to define our (CLT & RRT) work/ministry.

b. Dialogue

i. A meeting was held with the CLT and the RRT in February to move toward understanding and reconciliation with the purpose of working together to review, realign and restructure the work of Classis GLA. As a result of this meeting, the RRT feels strongly that we should NOT align ourselves with any CLT misrepresentation, but instead are called to speak truth in every situation.

ii. A follow-up meeting was held with David Haberbusch (chair of the CLT) and Rev. Sid Sybenga (Peer Relation Pastor) along with Mattie Young and Rev. Richard Jones seeking to further clarify how the past has impacted the present and how the CLT & RRT can move toward a better future.

c. It is our desire to see the leadership of Classis GLA:

i. Represent equality of all nationalities and utilize the gifts to edify the body of Christ

ii. Establish guidelines (i.e. term limits for those serving on ministry teams)

iii. Participate in on-going training

iv. Encourage pastors to participate in pulpit exchanges

d. We acknowledge that the RRT is not where we desire to be as it relates to the All-Nations' Heritage Week/Sunday, and are striving to move forward.

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Move toward the inclusion of biblical justice as it relates to Proverbs 31: 8, 9 & Luke 4: 18 – in that we become a greater advocate for those who feel as if they are or have been marginalized (a voice for the voiceless)

b. Continue to seek new members to join us in our efforts to strive toward biblical unity. (Eph. 4: 4-6)

c. Desire to share and hear stories of how God has and is working through the painful reality of injustice and racism by breaking down barriers (Eph. 2: 11-18)

d. On-going leadership development

e. Trainings & workshops that discuss the difficult subject of injustice, specifically racism

- with the need to moving toward reconciliation.
- f. Highlighting various ethnicities throughout the year through specific events.

3. PRAYER NEEDS

- a. Continue unity among cultural diversity for our churches and classis.
- b. Continue the work of biblical reconciliation, as we live out our mandate.
- c. Continue to seek the Lord's will as He calls us to serve.

Pray for the Reconciliation and Healing movement in Classis GLA

4. Classical Credentialing Team Classical Report

Team: Rick Westra, Daniel Mendez, Richard Jones

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS

A. To accept that the work and job description for the Rev. Dr. Joseph Byoungchul Jun of Ttkomasa Church is consistent with his calling as a minister of the Word.

Grounds: Seminary teaching is in accord with the calling and the synodical deputies have concurred.

B. To accept the introduction of Hairoon Chow as the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as a Commissioned Pastor according to Article 23 of the Church Order.

Grounds: He has submitted his initial paperwork, and has met with the CCT.

B. To accept the introduction of the Myo Sook Cho to be the official classical introduction and the first step towards being declared eligible for call in the CRC as Minister of the Word and Sacraments according to Article 8.

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

C. To proceed with the Classical Examination according to Article 10 of the Church Order for Petr Kornilov (Thursday October 11)

Grounds: Synod has declared him a candidate and available for call.

D. To proceed with the Article 8 Colloquium Doctums for Rev. Joseph Hyun, Rev. Tae Kim, Rev. Alison Jones, Rev. Dr. Sung Chil Choe (October 11)

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

Provided the above exams are completed successfully, the following motions may be made (Thursday October 11)

E. To declare:

Petr Kornilov eligible for call as a Minister of the Word in the CRC.

Rev. Tae Kim eligible for call as Minister of the Word in the CRC.

Rev. Joseph Hyun eligible for call as CRC Minister of the Word

Rev. Alison Jones eligible for call as a CRC Minister of the Word.

Rev. Sung Chil Choe eligible for call as a CRC Minister of the Word.

F. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu

Grounds: Marco and Kathy completed their learning covenant and have met the requirements set by classis for ordination as Commissioned Pastors.

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

G. To declare:

Marco Arandia and Kathy Xu eligible for call as Commissioned Pastors in Classis GLA serving with Hope International Church.

II. FOR INFORMATION

Petr Kornilov was born in Moscow, Russia, and came to the U.S. as his father pursued graduate studies here. While his family returned home to Russia, Petr remained and graduated from Calvin College and Calvin Seminary. He has served summers with the Evangelical Seminary in Cairo, Egypt, First CRC of Artesia, and Pine Rest, of Grand Rapids. He is married to Hitomi, and is being called by First CRC of Artesia. You can review his faith journey and statement of faith at www.crcna.org/site_uploads/uploads/resources/synodical/synod2012_candidates.pdf

Hairon Chow was born in Nicaragua, lived in Honduras, and later came to Long Beach, CA, with his family. He graduated from Millikan High. He worked for 23 years in human resources in the oil, petro-chemical industry. For the past several years he has led New Dawn, the Spanish speaking congregation that worships at First CRC of Bellflower. He has participated in LOGOS. He is married to Elizabeth, and together they have Alex (22), Kalindi (21), and Hanzel (15). First Bellflower is his calling church.

Myo Sook Cho was born in Korea, the youngest of six kids. The godly influence of her mother played a big role in her coming to know Christ. She began her studies at Kynghie University, majoring in tennis, but later transferred to a theological seminary. She came to

the U.S. in January 1997, and has studied at Bethesda Christian University, Azusa Pacific, and Fuller. From 2005-2010 she served as pastor and church planter of Logos Church of Las Vegas. She is ordained in the Assemblies of God and has become aware of the CRC through Peter and Christina Kang. Hope International is planning to call her to lead their Korean congregation.

Joseph Hyun was born in Korea but moved to Argentina with his parents when he was six. He studied economics in Madrid, and returned to do further study and teaching in that field in Argentina. He came to the U.S. in 2000 seeking an M.B.A. but the Lord had other plans. He became more interested in missions and pursued his M.A. through Fuller. He has served as an Evangelist and Associate Pastor at All Nations Church as well as a reserve chaplain for the U.S. Army. He is ordained in the Evangelical Church Alliance. He is married to Eun and together they have Brian, Rachel, and Calvin.

Tae Kim was born in Korea and immigrated to the U.S. when he was 11. He is a graduate of Biola University and Talbot Seminary. He has served as a missionary to First Nation people of Canada, and is now serving as the Lead Pastor of the English ministry at All Nations Church. He served as our elder delegate to synod last year. He was ordained as a ministry associate by Classis B.C., but he was previously ordained in Evangelical Church Alliance.

Sung Chil Choi was born in Korea. He received his B.A. from Hankuk University, and his M.Div. from the Presbyterian College and Seminary of Seoul. He later received his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. He has served as a Lecturer and Professor of Systematic Theology at the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary of Seoul. He is currently the church planter and Senior Pastor of Together Community Church which he desires to bring with him into the denomination. He is ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Church in America. He is married to Sungyi Jang Choi and together they have Hanul and Peter.

Alison Jones grew up in a loving Christian home and attended with her family at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was baptized at twelve years old, and later graduated from North Carolina A & T University. After feeling God's call to ministry she enrolled at Vanderbilt Divinity School and later graduated with her M.Div. from Fuller. She has worked as a science teacher, chaplain, and pastor. She is ordained in the AME church and is married to Richard Jones, the pastor of L.A. Community Church. Together they are parents to Rhea (22), Richard (8), Elizabeth (6), Ryan (4), and Victoria (4). L.A. Community is her calling church.

Kathy QiaoHong Xu was born into a Christian family in part because of the influence of her godly grandmother. She attended Yan Jing Theological Seminary and has served as a preacher in the Three Self Church and later as an instructor of English and Greek at the Yan Jing Seminary. She has received her M.Div. from International Theological Seminary and works alongside her husband Peter in planting a Chinese church as part of Hope International's Ministry. She seeks ordination as Ministry Associate.

Marco Arandia was born in Oruro, Bolivia and grew up the son of a mining engineer. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1988. He studied at Citrus College, University of LaVerne, and received his M.A. from Fuller in 2001. He currently works as an instructional aide for special needs kids in the Pasadena School District and serves as the Pastor of the Hispanic congregation at Hope International Church. He is married to Maria Marizol, and together they have Kemly, Joan, Marco, and Cailin.

5. **10:30 AM Coffee/Fellowship Break**

6. **11:00 AM Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Report**

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.

Team members: David Haberbush (leader); Bonny Mulder-Behnia; Mirtha Villafañe (Staff); Melvin Jackson; Sid Sybenga (Staff /Clerk); Brent Wassink; Peter Kang

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

a. **Classis GLA Church Planters' Health Plan recommendation:**

The New Church Development Team and Finance Team requested the CLT to review the Health Insurance Plan for Classis GLA Church planters after CRCNA Home Missions stopped their one third grant for this expense. CLT proposes to Classis that Classis continue our financial support of the Health Insurance grant to the present three recipients; Wallace Williams, Jonas Muljo, and Maged Dakdouk for five years until the end of 2016. Classis will pay the lesser of 25% of each pastor's premiums or a total of \$10,000 per year. The present recipients must stay active in their present church planting ministries to qualify for the grant. CLT also recommend that we do not add new recipients of this grant. **SO MOVED.**

b. **CLASSIS GLA Realignment Proposal**

Our Challenge: to clarify how Classis and its teams can best serve the churches of Classis GLA in their mission.

At the moment we have a Fellowship Covenant that states the general direction and purpose of Classis. There are presently five Classical teams that were set up serve the churches of the Classis. They are The Race Relations Team (RRT), Leadership Development Team (LDT), Classical Credentialing Team (CCT), Finance Team (FT) and the Classical Leadership Team (CLT).

Our Proposal aims to clarify the purpose of our teams, facilitate communication, and promote alignment with the “Fellowship Covenant”. The mandate of the CLT is to take the lead in structuring Classis and serves like a board of directors of Classis.

GLA FELLOWSHIP COVENANT (GLA FC)

THE GLA PURPOSE

is to maintain and enhance the network of churches that work together and encourage the churches in making disciples for God’s Kingdom in GLA.”

“THE GLA WAY

1. *Discerning together God’s leading in our region*
2. *Developing healthy leaders for healthy congregations*
3. *Discipling new believers and congregations effectively”*
4. *Demonstrating CRC hospitality to all nations*

I. The CLT is responsible for guiding Classis in carrying out its overall purpose and facilitating point 1 of the GLA Way: “discerning together God’s leading in our region.”

- a) The CLT is composed of 6-7 members (Example: David (leader), Brent, Bonny, and Melvin, and team leaders; Tom (CENT), Bill (LDT), Richard (RRT) & the Classis and Regional staff). The staff person of each team attends all the CLT meetings. The CLT meets at least three times a year at times synchronized with the Classis meetings. The CLT has two sub-committees, namely the Finance Team and the CLT Executive Committee. The FT meets as often as needed, and the CLT executive meets at least three times a year. The CLT executive is composed of CLT members who are not members of the other Classical Teams, and the full CLT includes representatives of each of the three Classis teams plus the CLT Executive Committee.
- b) The CLT develops and oversees the Classis meeting agenda, promotes Team goal alignment with the GLA “Fellowship Covenant”, insures Team goal accountability, and schedules and assists the teams with staff reviews and accountability through: (1) Developing Ministry descriptions for each team; (2) Establishing and monitoring Team and staff ministry goals; (3) Conducting periodic staff and Team reviews.
- c) CLT in organizing the agenda for Classis meetings assigns each of the Teams in turn: (1) to develop the theme and focus (devotions, testimony, prayers, guest speakers etc) of one of the three yearly Classis meetings; (2) to give a detailed report of their ministry work at such meeting.
- d) The CLT Executive Committee is responsible for developing the CLT agenda and processing: (1) church overtures; (2) requests for congregational intervention; (3) financial and budget oversight, and (4) coordinating and calendaring Classis events.

II. The Ministry Teams are responsible for carrying out specific elements of the GLA Way. Classis GLA has three main ministry teams - the Leadership Development Team(LDT), the Church Empowerment and Networking Team (CENT), and the Race Relations Team (RRT).

a) The Leadership Development Team (LDT) (led by _____) facilitates point 2 of the GLA way; Developing healthy leaders for healthy congregations. The LDT is responsible for serving the churches in their leadership development and overseeing the credentialing process of their new leaders. The Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) would function as a subcommittee of this team. The LDT sets the theme of the **February** Classis meeting. This February meeting would especially include some classical examinations and the election of Synodical delegates. This team also oversees and supports the roles of the LEAD teams in Classis and encourages joint educational efforts in the Classis.

b) The Church Empowerment and Networking Team (CENT) (led by Tom Doorn) facilitates point 3 of the GLA Way; **attracting and discipling new believers and congregations effectively.** The CENT is responsible for resourcing our established churches in their evangelism and outreach efforts and assisting the churches in their birthing and adopting of new congregations. They set the theme of the **October** Classis meeting which would also be our budget approval meeting.

c) Race Relations Team (RRT) (led by Richard Jones) facilitates point 4 of the GLA Way; **demonstrating CRC hospitality to all nations.** The RRT is responsible for promoting biblical appreciation and cooperation among the diverse cultural churches in Classis GLA and orchestrates joint community outreach projects and training events that build respect and unity. The RRT sets the theme for the **June** Classis meeting.

Guidelines

1. Classis staff should serve the churches and help our teams serve the churches effectively. What do the churches need? And how can and should staff help the teams? Who should serve where? At present Classis GLA has two staff. Sid Sybenga, (Clerk and Peer Relations Pastor) and David Kong (Korean GLA Liaison). How do they (should they) fit in the team structure of Classis? We also have Elmer Tandayu, (New Church Development Specialist) who is an employee of West Coast Resources Team and Mirtha Villafane, (Hispanic Ministry Developer) who is and employee of Classis Cal South. In these two instances Classis GLA provides grants to West Coast Resources Team and Classis Cal South to cover a portion of their compensation and in exchange Mirtha and Elmer are assigned duties related to Classis GLA. Elmer is directly supervised by West Coast Resources Team and Mirtha is jointly supervised by Classis Cal South and Classis GLA. How should expectations

of Classis GLA with respect to the service of Elmer and Mirtha established and evaluated?

2. Each of the three ministry teams is encouraged to recruit capable lay leaders to their teams and attempt to create a clergy/laity balance.
3. Under the cooperative direction of the CLT the teams will be asked to develop their own mission focus or service statements, periodic goals and strategies in alignment with the Classis Fellowship Covenant, and coordinate calendars.
4. The result of this proposed coordination will be the elimination of overlapping, conflicting and/or redundancy of team efforts.

CLT Moves the adoption of this realignment Proposal

- c. **CLT Motion:** That **Classis GLA release the following pastors** because they are no longer serving in the denomination: (Thursday October 11)
 Roy Palavacini: ministering in Costa Rica, no longer associated with ANC and the CRC; honorably released 14 b
 Brian Kim: took a call in another denomination: Honorably released via CO 14 b
 Hendry Lie: Resigned in 1996: Confirmed 2011: released CO 14 C
 Jeong Jin Yoo: Resigned from Church in 2010, no longer associated with ANC and the CRC, studying at Fuller: released via CO 14 b
 Hyuksoo Kwon: Took call to Presbyterian Church in Korean.
 Asking to be put on loan; honorably released via CO 14b
 Hugo Venegas: resigned from the CRC : released via CO 14 b
 Leonard Siregar: resigned from the CRC: dismissed via CO 14 b
- d. CLT Motion: That Classis process and consider acting on items 7, 10, 11, 18, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 31 listed in the **Clerk's communications Report (see pages 13-17)**

2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. The Team encourages each church of Classis to serve on a Classis team. Our hope is to involve more non-clergy in the work of Classis. We have a small pool of willing and gifted individuals who serve as Classis. If you or a person in your congregation is will to be trained and serve Classis in this capacity please send a note or email to David Haberbush (dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com) or Sid Sybenga (glaclerkss@gmail.com)
- b. Attached below is a chart detailing the roles and membership of each Classical team.

3. PRAISES - Give thanks for the team leaders and the team member who serve Classis.

4. PRAYER NEEDS - A number of teams need new members. If there is someone in your congregation who is gifted in finances our Finance Team needs three members. Also many of the teams need a greater number of ethnic and youth voices.

CLASSIS TEAM & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams October 2012		
<i>The goal is to have every congregation participating on a Classis team</i>		
<i>Where could you or a church member serve Classis?</i>		
Leadership Development Team - LDT		
<u><i>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</i></u>		
Sid Sybenga		GLA staff
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary
Daniel Mendez		
Mirtha Villafane		RM staff
Bill Postma	bill.postma@gmail.com	Leader
Race Relations Team - RRT		
<u><i>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</i></u>		
Mattie Young		
Frank DeHaan		
Fatu Auau		
Richard Jones	RAJ88keys@integrity.com	Co-leader
Daniel Mendez	pastordanielmendez@yahoo.com	Co-leader
Ruth Palma		
Classical Credentialing Team - CCT		
<u><i>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</i></u>		
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader
Richard Jones		
Daniel Mendez		
Classical Leadership Team - CLT		
<u><i>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</i></u>		
Brent Wassink		
Melvin Jackson		
Bonny Mulder-Behnia		
Mirtha Villafane		RM Staff
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader
Peter Kang		
Sid Sybenga	sshope10@yahoo.com	Staff/Clerk

Church Empowerment and Networking Team – CENT (NCDT)		
<u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u>		
David Kong	designated Korean Liaison to Classis GLA	
Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary
Tom Doorn	Tcdoorn5@aol.com	Leader
Joel Van Soelen		
Elmer Tandayu		RM Staff
Mirtha Villafane		RM Staff
Sid Sybenga		GLA Staff

Finance Team FT		
<u>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</u>		
Goldene Byma	classistreasurer@hotmail.com	Treasurer
Don Mulder		Secretary
Jim Zoetewey		Leader
Rich Hoeksema		

Clerk's Report and Communication Register March – October 2012

1. Received from Dee Recker, CRCNA Office of Synodical Services, notice of reception of Rev. Leonard Siregar's resignation from Hope International Church and the CRCNA. 3/8/12 **FYI**
2. Sent to Roger Kramer, clerk of Classis Columbia, the belated transfer of Rev. Merle Bierma's minister of the word credentials, and asking him to process them and pass them on to the clerk of Classis Rocky Mountain, where Rev. Bierma now resides. 3/15/12. Roger Kramer acknowledged receipt, processed the credential transfer, and sent credential to Ken Vander Horst, clerk of Rocky Mountain Classis, who received the credential and processed it. 3/19/12 **Transfer completed.**
3. Sent to Dee Recker, CRCNA Office of Synodical Services: Classis GLA overture to transfer Cerritos WooRi (formerly Spirit Filled Church of Artesia) Church to Pacific Hanmi Classis. 3/16/12 **Processed at Synod 2012**
4. Letter sent to Leonard Siregar on behalf of the CLT noting the receipt of his resignation letter and confirmation that Classis will release him via article 14b of the

Church Order at its October 16, 2012 meeting. **No response was received.** 3/30/12

5. Sent to our February 23, 2012 Synodical Deputies a request from the CLT noting 13 minister of the word pastors in Classis GLA who are no longer active in their ministries asking their advice on the process of releasing them from their CRCNA ordination or adjusting their credentials. 4/11/12 **Deputies responded with advice and encouraged CLT to proceed.** 4/11/12
6. Sent to Dee Recker, CRCNA Office of Synodical Services: Synodical Deputy reports for Marco Arandia, Kathy Xu, Chris Choe, and David Lee, verifying deputy concurrence of Classis action at our February 23, 2012 Classis meeting. 5/22/2012 **Received and Synod 2012 Approved**
7. Received from Thomas Byma, chair of council of First Bellflower, a request asking Classis to appoint a church counselor due to the retirement of their pastor Rev. Paul Hoekstra. 6/4/12 **Forwarded to the CLT for action. CLT appoints Rev. Henry Lengkeek 6/15/12**
8. Sent request to Rev. Shawn Sikkema, pastor of CRC in Aurora, CO, about the status of Rev. Hugo Venegas, a credential pastor in Classis GLA. 7/6/12 Rev. Sikkema confirm Rev. Venegas move to a non- denominational church in 2007 and lost track of him. 7/6/12 **Consider for release**
9. Request from Dick Van Eck – CRWRC – World Renew representative requesting to speak at the Classis GLA meeting October 16. 7/16/12 **Forwarded to CLT**
10. Request from Sol del Valle Church requesting approval for Rev. Carlos Aranguiz to retire July 31, 2012. 7/18/12 **Forwarded to the CLT and approved by CLT.**
11. Received from Hyuksoo Kwon. “Recently I was called by Seunglee Presbyterian Church, Ilsan, Korea as an associate pastor. It is a fast growing church in the city of Ilsan. Furthermore, it has immigrants ministry, multicultural ministry, and church planting development. It is great opportunity for me to reach out to young generation of Korea as well as illegal immigrants and spouses from foreign countries.” 7/20/12

The church belongs to *Tong Hap* Presbyterian. Therefore, I request to be a loaner pastor to continue my relationship with CRC. Please consider my request.

- Received from Hyuksoo Kwon. "I am in Korea to work with a church here as I wrote to you in my last email. It will be a great experience for me because this church has been pioneering multicultural ministries for more than fifteen years. I apologize once again for not personally contacting you, but please be understanding that I have been under extremely busy schedule preparing for new immigration. Because of that I wrote to you an email requesting that I become a loaner pastor to this church. Please review my request, and possibly process it. (8/18/12) **Forwarded to Bethany Burbank to request action.**
12. Received from Muriel Lamer (office of Synodical services) a list of all board members of the various boards serving the CRCNA. Received for information. 7/30/12 **FYI**
 13. Received from Steve Nyenhuis: As the new Regional Advocate for Disabilities Concerns for our classis, may I please have some time on your next agenda to introduce myself and give a report? 8/18/12 **Forwarded to CLT**
 14. Received from Dr. Jeff Weima and Calvin Seminary confirmation of a preaching seminar by Jeff Weima entitled **Preaching the Neglected Letters of the New Testament** at Bethany CRC January 14, 2013. 8/14/12 **Clerk will forward brochures to all pastors in early November and have them available at the Classis meeting.**
 15. Received from Rev. Elmer Tandayu, new church development specialist, a request to distribute and announce the CHURCH PARENTING SUMMIT November 12 -14, 2012. 8/17/12 **Sent announcement to all pastors and church in Classis.**
 16. Received from Fatu Auau, LEAD mentor of Revelation 7, requested announcements to be sent to the churches inviting all GLA Churches to attend the Prayer Summit Encore August 27, 2012 at Bethany CRC in Bellflower. 8/15/12 & 8/22/12. **Sent email announcements as requested.**
 17. Sent to Dee Recker, CRCNA Office of Synodical Services, notice of the CLT of Classis GLA appointing Rev. Gary Stevens as alternate Synodical Deputy for Classis GLA. 8/23/12 **Received and processing**
 18. Received from Dee Recker: Search Committee for a new Executive director for the CRCNA has been formed and they are open to receive nominations. 8/24/12 **FYI**

19. Received from Rev. Tae Kim, English lead pastor of All Nations Church, the announcement that they will again host the three day Denominational Prayer Summit April 15-17, 2013. 8/27/12
20. Received from Rev. Fatu Auau thanking all the Classis GLA churches that attended the Classis GLA Prayer Summit Encore August 27 in Bethany CRC. He noted that the Revelation 7 LEAD team is committed to meeting weekly (Wednesdays at 11 AM) as a prayer team for Classis GLA and hopes to host another PM Classis Prayer Meeting January 17, 2013. 9/29/12 ***FYI Email Prayer requests can be addressed to Fatu at doreenfatu@socal.rr.com.***
21. Received from Tom Byma, chair of council of First Bellflower informing Classis that their transitional interim pastor Don Byker will start his ministry in Bell One the 14th of Oct. 9/4/12 ***Received for information (d1.grbyker@gmail.com cell 616-325-6385)***
22. Henry Karsten, World Missions Mobilizers, September Advocate Report 9/4/12 ***Forwarded to Bill Postma for the www.classisgla.org website.***
23. Received from Jeong Jin Yoo, a GLA pastor no longer serving a church, a request to be granted a leave of absence study leave while he is completing a degree at Fuller Seminary. 9/5/12 ***This request was forward to All Nations Church, the calling church. ANC needs to make this request of Classis and Classis approval requires synodical deputy concurrence.***
24. Received from the CRCNA Synodical affairs office: “The Candidacy Committee continues in its work and is in need of some suggestions for nomination to the committee. We have two positions that will open next year to be filled by Synod 2013. We are especially eager to get nominees that fit the following two categories:
 1) Interested lay persons who have an interest and background in Candidacy Committee work
 2) Interested minority pastors who have some experience in training other pastors
 This may be an opportunity for someone already on your CCT to experience and contribute to the broader work of candidacy. This may also be an opportunity to challenge someone in your region to contribute their gifts, experiences and efforts. We will give serious consideration to any and all names submitted. Please give a very brief description and contact information along with any name you submit. The deadline for submissions is October 30, 2012. ***FYI Open to nominations and volunteers. 10/10/12***

- 25.** Received from Rev. Daniel Mendez a request to extend his “eligibility for call” for six months so he can continue to search for a calling church for his Tree of Life ministry directorship. 10/10/12 ***Sent reply to Daniel informing him that CRC polity requires that the council holding his credentials must make this request for Classis to act and that this act requires Synodical Deputy concurrence. 10/14/12***
- 26.** Received a phone call (since he can no longer see well) from Rev. Neil Culbertson sending farewell greeting to all his colleagues in Classis GLA. He is in his final stage of inoperable brain cancer and at peace awaiting his final days. Prays for blessings on GLA and gives thanks for the many years of servicing together. 10/11/12 ***FYI***
- 27.** Received from Petr Kornilov, pastor candidate for Artesia First CRC, two support sermons for his Article 6/10 Classical examination. 10/12/12 ***Sent to the Synodical Deputies and his classical sermon evaluators. (petrakoff@gmail.com)***
- 28.** Received from Rev. Charles Oh, the request from Ttokamsa Mission Church for Classis to adjudicate - according to Article 12c of the CRCNA Church Order - the position of professor consistent with the calling of a minister of the word for BJ Jun who passed his classical examination in February 2012. 10/12/12 ***Forwarded to the Classis Credential Team and attached to the October 16, 2012 agenda for action. Synodical deputy concurrence was received in February.***
- 29.** Received from Rev. Moses Chung, Director of CRC Home Missions, an announcement informing Classis that they are continuing the process of seeking a new West Coast Regional Ministry director after the chosen candidate withdrew. 10/14/12 ***FYI b***
- 30.** Received from Rev. Erick Westra of the Southern California Young Calvinist League a request for Classis GLA to financially support the annual SoCal Highschool retreat for \$5000. 9/14/12 ***The request is placed in the Classis October 16 Agenda under the LDT report. See detailed request on page***

7. 11:20 AM CENT Report
Church Empowerment and Networking Team
(Previously, New Church Development Team)
(based on Matthew 28.18-20)

I. ACTION NEEDED:

1. Budget (see attachment A.) We have sent this to the Finance team in August.
2. New members: that classis approve the following people to be on the team:
 Rev. Alison Jones (LA Community), Mr. Matt Sapp (Bethel), Rev. Maged Dakdouk (Path of Life CRC), Rev. Chris Choe (All Nations).
3. Evangelism (CENT) Fund . Response from the churches for thoughts on the Evangelism fund and team guidelines was limited to only a few churches. We realize that the churches are busy with important ministries and do not have a lot of time to reflect on such guidelines, therefore we are submitting just a draft for the guidelines this Oct meeting in order to hear your input. We will then adjust the guidelines based on your input and ask classis to approve them in Feb, 2013. Since the evangelism fund team members cannot be chosen and approved until guidelines for the fund and team can be approved, we are asking approval of classis for the following **two motions**
 - A. That classis, if the guidelines are approved for the fund in Feb 2013, allow the CENT team, just for 2013, to take the place of the Evangelism Fund team and make decisions on the distribution of funds based on the classical guidelines. (Grants will be for only a half of a year in 2013)
 - B. That classis, like it did in 2012, approve that CENT team can tap up to \$6000 from the Evangelism Fund in order to fulfill the plan that classis approved in 2012. We will have a better understanding of the costs of the plan in 2014 and it will be reflected in our budget.

II. INFORMATION:

1. Plan
 - a. After much discussion we have settled on the name of CENT for our team. It is based on the idea from Matthew 28 that the churches are CENT into the world. CENT stands for Church Empowerment and Networking Team.
 - b. The Evangelism Conference , Fan the Flame, which classis approved as part of our plan will be on Sept 22 at Anaheim CRC. Rev. Mirtha Villafane will share more about it at this time.
 - c. Rev. Alison Jones is currently putting together a young adult evangelism team, which was approved by classis as part of our plan.
 - d. We continue to discuss how best to develop communication and networking between churches on outreach and church planting. We would appreciate your suggestions.
 - e. Guidelines for the CENT Fund(see Attachment B)

- f. As part of our approved plan we are providing different resources for the churches to possibly use in their efforts to do evangelism and mission outreach. The attached Evangelism training tool box (Attachment C) is the beginning of that process. If you have other resources that churches might be able to use, please email them to Mr. Matt Sapp who is putting together this tool box.
 - g. The CENT is holding a Parenting Summit in November for all churches interested in how to do parenting, the Nuts and Bolts of it. It is put on by Dynamic Church Planting International . Please let Rev. Elmer Tandayu know if you are interested.
2. Hawaii Fund update: We are currently waiting on the appointment of a new WCRT director so we can move ahead. Home Missions has selected Rev. Larry Doornbos, staff HM, Rev. Tong Park, staff HM, and the new WCRT director. CENT has appointed Rev. Dan Brink Rev. Elmer Tandayu and Rev. Tom Doorn to represent classis. Rev. Jerry Kraesig will represent Anuenue.
 3. Update on conversation with WCRT. Members of CENT met with the interim director, Mr. Arlan VandenBos this spring to discuss the future relationship between GLA and WCRT. In addition the chairs of the respective CENT teams of the 5 classes of WCRT this fall will be meeting with Arlan to share best practices for church outreach and church planting as well as how best to structure WCRT to fit the needs of the classes.
 4. New Church Development Specialist report (see attachment D) Parenting Summit
 5. Hispanic Developer report (see attachment E) Hispanic Leadership Development
 6. Home Missions grants. If you are interested in getting Home Mission grants for church planting, please see Rev. Elmer Tandayu or Rev. Mirtha Villafane for more information.
 7. The Talking Stick /Venice Beach Fellowship Update is attached
 8. Guam update: Guam has appointed Rev. Verlan VanEe (Attachment F) as their interim pastor. Please send him some emails to welcome him into the classis. His email address is in the Year book.
 9. Anuenue

NCDT 2012 Plan (already approved by classis)

Motion A

Structure

1. As of March 2012, change NCDT's name to the CENT (Church Empowerment and Networking Team) with the mandate to:
 - assist churches in doing evangelism/ mission outreach
 - assist churches in planting churches
 - assist non CRC churches who desire to affiliate with us

2. As of March 2012, change the name and focus of the New Church Development Fund to the CENT Fund which would be open to all churches. Funds would assist churches in the area of evangelism /mission outreach or church planting.
 - a. Guidelines for the use of the fund would be defined by the CENT Team and must be approved by classis at the Oct 2012 meeting before any funds are dispersed.
 - b. The CENT Team would seek recommendations from churches on such guidelines.
 - c. Dispersion of funds will not happen until 2013.
 - d. CENT can tap into the fund for 2012 for up to \$5000 in order to fund changes based on the overall plan if the plan is approved by classis in Feb 2012
 - e.. CENT would be free to find ways to locally supplement the fund (in addition to classical ministry shares), including working with churches to seek donations from church members.
 - f. The Fund, beginning in 2013, would be managed by a team identified and defined by CENT and approved by classis at Oct 2012 meeting. This team should include CENT members as well as lay church members such as business people. Guidelines for membership on the team would be defined by CENT and approved by classis.
 - g. The classical building fund would be folded into this fund and the money from the sale of the Crenshaw property would go into this fund.
 - h. There would be a yearly report to classis on the use of the funds. The report would include an evaluation of the success of the grants given out to churches. Churches can only receive grants if they are organized churches and have paid classical ministry shares the year before **or** are emerging churches and have paid a tithe of a tithe the year before.
- 3.. Have a yearly church evaluation of CENT to see how the Team can improve.
4. By Oct , 2012, add 3 new lay members to the team

Evangelism/mission outreach

1. By Dec. 2012 develop a communication system (through use of website, newsletter, contact persons in each church, etc.) between CENT and churches that would allow the sharing of resource information on evangelism /mission outreach and church planting. Such information could include testimonies, best practices, books to read, workshops to go to, web site contacts, funding sources, legal cover for music, how to start a church plant, etc.
2. By Oct 2112, meet with any churches in the same geographic area who desire to work together in evangelism/mission outreach and assist them in identifying shared resources.
3. By Oct , 1012, meet with the CRC churches who are connected with Kingdom Cause to see how, if at all, the team can assist the churches and Kingdom Cause. Also by July 2012, meet with churches who are already working with CRWRC to see how classis can assist in the work.
4. By Nov ,2012, develop an evangelism training program

5. By Oct 2012, create a Young Adult Evangelism Team (YAET) ages 18-35 that would be under the NCDT. The team would consist of 5-6 non-clergy members. The mandate of the team would be to assist churches in learning how to reach the younger generation. The Team's mandate would also include assisting willing churches from different ethnic groups to plant a multi-ethnic church in a strategically placed multi-ethnic community. The Team once formed would present a plan to CENT and classis for their approval.

6 . By July , 2012, hold an evangelism conference

7. By Oct, 2012, find ways CENT (Classis GLA) can work with Classis Ca South in the area of evangelism / mission outreach and church planting so as to maximize the effectiveness of both classes in assisting churches. This would include a yearly joint Evangelism Conference. It also includes a review by the two classes of the Hispanic Developer position and a report to classis in Feb 2013.

Church planting

1. By Oct , 2012, define clearly agreed upon relationships between church plant and mother church
2. By Oct, 2012, develop clear guidelines for starting churches and present them to classis. It should include:
 - the church already has gathered a group that is functioning
 - the church needs to show record of offerings and fund raising
3. Work with Reformed Church classis to see if their assessment center and boot camp is usable and make a decision by Oct, 2012.
4. Work with Reformed church and Cal South to use Reformed Church Institute for Spanish speaking church planters and make a decision by Oct 2012.
5. Develop by Oct 2012 a new mentoring, coaching program for all church planters.
6. Work with the Reformed church locally and Cal South Classis to review Kingdom Enterprise Zones and make a decision by Oct, 2012.
7. By Oct 2012, do a feasibility study with interested churches about starting another Talking Stick
8. Contact each church yearly to see if they have someone in their church who is interested in planting a church. Also see if any churches are interested in working with NCDT/EMOT to start a church plant.
9. Work with the Young Adult Evangelism Team to see if there are churches from different ethnic groups who want to start a multi-ethnic church.

10. Work with Classis Ca South to review the role of the Hispanic Developer who works jointly for our two classes, the New Church Developer in our classis, the New Church developers in Cal South and the Korean church developer who works in the two classes and, by Oct 2012, give recommendations on how best to structure these positions to maximize potential.

Church affiliations

1. Ask each church yearly to see if they are interested in helping a church become affiliated
2. By Oct 2012, develop guidelines for the relationship between the parent church and the affiliated church.
3. Throughout the year, seek out churches who are interested in the Reformed faith and who might want to be affiliated with us.

Attachment A

CENT Team (formally, NCDT) 2013 Budget

In planning our 2013 budget, we took into account the wishes of classis at our last classis meeting. We appreciate your wisdom and thoughts as classis formally approved Motion A, tabled Motion B, and voted down Motion C. We also heard you informally through your comments on the discussion of the different motions.

As a result of those classical decisions and comments, the implementation of the plan and any adjustments to our budget has been slowed.

First, the evaluation of the WCRT New Church Developer needs to happen in conjunction with the WCRT Regional Leader. The Developer actually gets paid by WCRT, and classis simply gives a grant to WCRT to cover part of that cost. Yet the leader probably won't be selected by Home Missions and in place until this fall. Therefore our team will keep the budget item for the WCRT New Church Development Specialist the same for next year with the idea that an evaluation will happen early next year.

Second, the team can only do the evaluation of the Hispanic Developer in conjunction with Classis Cal South, since we both are equally funding the position. (we are getting no funds from Home Missions). Putting together a team to do the evaluation won't happen till after we pass a budget in classis. Therefore we are proposing keeping the budget item the same as this year with the idea we will do a joint evaluation early next year.

Third, your response for thoughts on the Evangelism fund and team guidelines was limited to only a few churches. We realize that the churches are busy with important ministries and do not have a lot of time to reflect on such guidelines, therefore we are submitting just

a draft (see CENT fund report) for the guidelines this Oct meeting in order to hear your input. We will then adjust the guidelines based on your input and ask for a vote of classis in Feb, 2013. Since the evangelism fund team members cannot be chosen and approved until guidelines for the team can be approved we are proposing to classis a motion (see our report to classis) that would fill the gap until the team can be chosen. This means that the team won't be in place until late next year.

Finally, we thank the Lord for additional people who desire to be on our team. This has meant though taking time to getting the new people up to speed on the work of our team and the plan that classis has approved as well as hearing their input. Because of that, we have had to go a bit slower than expected in acting on parts of the plan.

CENT Financial Proposal/Budget

Income		
4031 Ministry Shares	26000	
Expenses		
5031 WCRT New Church Specialist		7500
5032 Church Planting Development		3000
5035 Joint Classes Hispanic Developer		15500
Total		26000

Attachment B

Guidelines for the CENT Fund (*formerly the New Church Development Fund*)

On February 28, 2012, Classis GLA approved "Motion A" when it was presented by the CENT Team. The Motion is basically a broadening of the job description of the Team so that it includes helping churches both with church outreach as well as church planting. In addition, Classis GLA combined the New Church Growth Fund, the Church Building Fund and the Crenshaw property fund into one new Fund, the CENT Fund, that all churches can tap into for either church outreach or church planting. The Classis Treasurer will manage the fund along with the Finance Team of Classis. However, Classis did agree to create a new committee that would decide, based on certain guidelines, how program grants from the fund would be distributed. The Fund cannot be used by the churches, though, until these guidelines have been drawn up by the CENT Team and approved by Classis GLA.

The CENT Team asked for input on the guidelines this past spring from the churches. The churches' responses were limited to only a few churches. The team realizes that the churches are busy with important ministries and do not have a lot of time for reflection on classical matters. Therefore we are submitting just a draft for the guidelines this Oct 2012 meeting in order that the churches may

review the guidelines that were submitted by those few churches. The team will be asking for your input at the classical meeting. We will then adjust the guidelines based on your input and ask classis to vote in Feb, 2013. Since the CENT FUND Team members cannot be chosen and approved until guidelines for the team can be approved, we will be submitting the names of the CENT FUND members for a vote at the Oct 2013 classis meeting. This means that the team won't be in place until late next year. Until that time, the team is asking classis to allow us to distribute grants in 2013 once the guidelines are approved. (2013 grants will be for only a half a year (July-December)

Guidelines

- A. **Funds will be distributed by CENT team in 2013, the CENT FUND team will do it in 2014.**
Funds given out in 2013 will be for only half a year.
- B. **Up to \$6000 per year can be used by the CENT team to assist churches according to its mandate.**
- C. **General guidelines**
 1. Up to 20% of the total fund (as stated by the treasurer on September 1of the previous year) can be used for grants in the following year.
 2. A church can tap into the fund only if it is an established church and has paid 100% of the classical ministry shares the year before or is an emerging church and has paid 3% of its budget to classis the year before.
 3. 60% of all grants given per year are for evangelism/outreach proposals; 40% for church plants. If there are no church plant proposals then 100% can be used for evangelism/ outreach proposals.
- D. **Guidelines for evangelism/mission outreach proposals** (proposals that are intentionally targeted at disciplining the church to be missionally engaged in whatever sphere of influence God has placed them as well as church programs that reach non-members in the community)
 1. All applications must be in by Oct 31 of the previous year.
 2. Grants are given out based on merits of the proposal.
 3. Grants given out can only be 40% or less of the proposal's budget and are capped at \$5000.
 4. Any one grant cannot be more than 1/3 of the yearly total given out.
 5. Proposals must focus on discipling the church members to be missionally engaged in whatever sphere of influence God has placed them as well as church programs that reach nonmembers in the community.
 6. Proposals must be SMARTER (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely, Evaluate, Reevaluate) proposals
 7. Proposals will be prioritized as follows: Top priority to
 - a. those that support efforts to disciple church members in the area of evangelism and mission outreach. This includes demonstration of a solid discipleship plan that has been developed after prayerful listening on the part of church leaders.
 - b. those that mobilize and maximize existing church assets God has already placed in the community (i.e. existing buildings, human or financial assets)
 - c. those that support efforts that can demonstrate the ability to leverage additional financial resources (i.e. financial support from other congregations)
 8. The CENT FUND TEAM can adjust proposal requests based on merit of proposal as well as overall funding requests' needs
 9. There needs to be a semiannual evaluation report to CENT FUND team.

E. Guidelines for church planting

1. Church planter should have at least 1-2 years in formal training before a grant is given.
2. The church planter must show that she/he can gather a group and raise funds before grant is given.
3. Church plant must be approved by the CENT team before a church plant can apply for these funds.
4. Proposals must fit HM guidelines for church planting and use HM application forms. They must be SMARTER proposals.
5. Maximum grant is a three year grant of \$5000-\$4000-\$3000
6. Proposal must include other funding sources for the church plant: Home Missions, parent church, other church, individuals.
7. Proposals will be prioritized as follows: Top priority to:
 - a. those that will not go toward the creation of new ministry "silos" designed to serve only one group (generation, class, ethnicity or other) that function independently from, or in competition with the church that is already present in the community
 - b. those that use activities that mobilize and maximize existing church assets God has already placed in the community (i.e. existing buildings, human or financial assets)
 - c. those that support efforts that can demonstrate the ability to leverage additional financial resources (i.e. financial support from existing congregations, bi-vocational work)
8. Funds will typically be distributed in a 3 year declining grant but the church plant will be evaluated yearly by the CENT team. Funding can be cut off in the second and third year if church is not meeting its goals.

Guidelines for CENT FUND Team

1. The team shall have 5 members
2. The team will be made up of two members from CENT team and 3 lay members of churches
3. There should be no more than one person from a church
4. Members should be members of a CRC church in GLA classis
5. Members should have a passion for evangelism/church outreach/church planting
6. Members should have a basic understanding of finances
7. There should be staggered terms.

Job Description

1. Administer allocation of funds according to classically approved guidelines
2. Present to classis each year report on how fund was spent
3. Raise money for the fund that would supplement ministry shares. This would include raising funds from individuals and churches. Present plan for raising funds to classis.

Application form for church evangelism/church outreach

Date:

Name of church:

Name of senior pastor

Year requesting grant for:

Specifically describe the program the grant is for (50 words or less).

State the budget for the program (Expenses and Income) . The Classis grant can be no more than 40% of your total budget for this project. Please list where you will find the additional funds..

As a result of this ministry we hope to reach the following goals: Please list 3-4 goals; they must be SMARTER goals

Report Form

What happened? Who did you reach?

What were the results, did you reach your goals? Why or why not?

What did you learn?

Application and report forms for church plants

Application and report forms for church plants can be obtained on line at the CRC Home Missions website. Please contact CENT team members for further information.

Attachment C

Evangelism Toolbox

In 2 Tim 4:5, Paul tells the young pastor to “do the work of an evangelist.” In 1 Pet 3:15, Peter told God’s Elect, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” This is what we are called to do. But, how do we fulfill our mandate? The following is a list of proven tools the church has used to preach the Gospel to every person (Matt 28:19).

The Wordless Book is believed to be developed by Charles Spurgeon in 1866. The book consists of gold (Heaven), dark (sin), red (Jesus blood), white (cleansing), and green (growth) pages. A demonstration of the Wordless Book can be seen on youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th0GL7mdsRM>. As far as I know, the mission that uses the Wordless Book the most is Child Evangelism Fellowship (<http://www.cefonline.com>).

The Evangecube is similar to the Wordless Book. But, this is a cube, and it has pictures, not just colors. The presentation is very similar. These tools cost \$8 each, and require practice to shape-shift the cube smoothly from “page to page.” <http://www.e3resources.org>.

The Four Spiritual Laws were developed by Bill Bright in a tract that was published in 1952. Bill Bright was the founder of Campus Crusade For Christ (<http://www.cru.org>). The following is an overview of the Four Spiritual Laws from Wikipedia.

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. (John 3:16, John 10:10)
2. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. (Romans 5:8, I Corinthians 15:3-6, John 14:6)

4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. (John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8,9, John 3:1~8, Revelation 3:20)

Way of the Master is the ministry of Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron (one of the stars from Growing Pains). They will go up to someone on the street, and tell them if they can name the 10 Commandments, they will win \$20. Then, the evangelist will ask, "Have you ever lied, or stole, or committed adultery in your heart? What does that make you? How will God look at you on the Day of Judgment?" As the person is faced with the truth that they have fallen short, this allows the evangelist the opportunity to share God's plan for Salvation. Several unscripted videos of this can be seen on their website at <http://wayofthemaster.com/watchwitnessing.shtml>.

Evangelism Explosion was developed by Pastor D. James Kennedy in 1962, at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In their "Steps to Life" approach, the first question is, "If you died tonight, would God let you into His Heaven." All the steps are outlined at <http://evangelismexplosion.org/resources/steps-to-life>.

Gentle Persuasion is a book by Joe Aldrich, who served as the president of Multnomah University, in Portland, for 19 years. Gentle Persuasion is an encouraging appeal of all Christians of all ages and abilities to become part of God's strategy for bringing needy men and women to Christ. Join Joe as he explains how cherry pies, hammers and saws, lawn mowers, broken-down cars, chariots of fire, babysitters, duck hunters, llama farmers--and even attack lambs with steel wool--can draw your friends to the Savior. This would be a good example of Friendship Evangelism. Dr. Joe also wrote a book called Lifestyle Evangelism.

Tracts are sometimes criticized by those in the church, and those in the world. Some people say that they provide an easy way out. You can share your faith without taking the time to build a relationship with someone. But, God can still use them. I personally would not offer a tract that I was unwilling to read myself. My favorite tract author is Ron Wheeler (<http://www.cartoonworks.com>). A well-known supplier of tracts is the American Tract Society, at <http://www.atstracts.org>. Some "tracting etiquette" can be reviewed at http://www.repentandturn.com/Gospel_Tract_Basics.html. I'm sure other guidelines can be found online, as well.

Facebook and Web pages. Most churches have home pages, or Facebook pages. If your church is serious about evangelism, then add a page or a link to a video about one of the tools listed above. You could type out a generic Sinner's Prayer, and invite people to e-mail

the pastor or webmaster if they have given their heart to the Lord. This would draw them into a discipleship relationship with the pastor, who could invite them to join the fellowship of the church.

Special Occasions and Special Requests. I pastored a church in Oregon for 12 years. In that time, not a lot of people came forward, or responded to “alter calls.” But, many people responded to the call to salvation who desired my participation in a memorial service, baptism, church membership, various counseling needs, and requests for me to participate in weddings. Twice (Eph 5:16, and Col 4:5) Paul told the churches to “make the most of every opportunity.” Pastors, Council members, church staff, and even the laity should be encouraged to look for those opportunities to do good, which God has prepared for us in advance (Eph 2:10). We need to pay attention, and share our faith with members of the congregation when “life events” arise.

Attachment D

2013 NCDS PLAN

Submitted by Elmer Tandayu
New Church Development Specialist

In 2011, Classis approved the CENT plan for assisting churches in planting churches. This plan included

1. Defining the roles of the mother church and the church plant
2. Developing clear guidelines for starting a church
3. Identifying boot camps and assessment centers
4. Update the mentoring/coaching part of church planting
5. Contacting churches to see if they are interested in starting a church plant
6. Identify church affiliations

With the above in mind and in partnership with the West Coast Resourcing team, CENT and the New Church Specialist is already:

1. Expanding a network of churches (Parent-link Planting) that have their own vision and plan for planting a church. Nine churches are currently participating.
2. Assisting 2-3 churches (Co-bridge) to work in partnership in starting a church plant. Currently six churches are involved.
3. Growing people groups within a church (Church within a church) based on needs and affinity. This is in its initial stage and has 5 churches progressively considering it.
4. Gathering church planters and spouses (Harvesters Network) for nut and bolts learning, prayer fellowship and developing strategies for church planting
5. The NCDS quarterly meets with each church planter for encouragement, prayer and emotional support.
6. The NCDS sends out newsletters 3 times and year and meets with the pastor and leaders once a month.

THE 2013 PLAN

To further the classically approved plans of the CENT team:

Action Plan #1] Resourcing Church planters and mother churches

- Creating “Church Planting Resource Manual” for distribution to our churches, which includes:

AJ Church Planting:

- Guidelines to planting a new church with GLA Classis
- New Work Funding Request Form
- Church Planting and Development Proposal Outline
- New Work Church Planting Checklist
- Informational Cards: CoBridge Parenting, Parent Link Planting, Church Within Church
- Planting-Developing Resources:
 - Information: Church Planter Proposal
 - Sample: New Church By-Laws and Incorporation
 - Developing an Outreach Plan
 - Church Planting Landmines
 - Improving Church Planting Leadership
 - Developing Church Planters within the new church
 - Daughter Church Multiplication
 - Guidelines in Organizing Emerging Churches

BJ Planting Partnership:

- Partnership Agreement: New Church and Partners (HM and Mother Church)
- Guidelines to Parenting
- List of Mentors and Coaches
- Ministry Share for Church Plants
- Required Grant Reporting to Home Mission: Form 1-14 CPD Ministry review and Plans
Form 1-15 Ministry Budgeting
- Evaluating the viability of a Church Plant

Action Plan #2 Assisting churches to envision church planting

- A. Continue to work with churches involved in Parent Link Planting, CoBridge, and Church Within Church (*definitions of the approaches are given on the beginning portion of the first page*) and expand upon it if churches are interested.
- B. Hold a Mentoring Summit, if churches are interested, to train pastors, leaders to mentor new church planters.

Action Plan #3 “Church Planting” Campaign (ABLAZE)

- A. **Ablaze** will be a two month campaign within Classis GLA in which CENT invites churches to participate in learning about and getting excited about church planting.
- B. **Within the FIRST MONTH**, all churches – the established ones and the emerging churches - will receive “Ablaze kits” which shall introduce the campaign, and eventually inspire them to dramatically expand their vision to, 1. start a new community of faith; 2. be a replicating church; 3. be a part of the network of multiplying churches. The kit shall help the churches to get involved in this campaign.

On the SECOND MONTH, we shall encourage a “Classis GLA Church Planting Sunday.” This is a special Sunday set aside on the 3rd Sunday of the second month where every established church and every emerging church celebrate the birth of their respective churches and have focused prayer on the direction for possible new outreach programs, and/or planting their new daughter churches.

The proposed Church Planting Sunday is on March 17, 2013.

THE ANCHOR DATES

- FOR ACTION PLAN # 1:
 - Creating Planting Manual January 7 ...
 - Submit Manual Draft March 5
 - Distribution April

- FOR ACTION PLAN # 2:
 - CoBridge Parenting In progress
 - Parent Link Planting In progress
 - Church Within Church In progress
 - Mentoring Summit August
 - Multiplication Communication:
 - 1. Newsletter February ... quarterly
 - 2. Prayer Flyer May ... quarterly
- FOR ACTION PLAN #3:
 - Launch ABLAZE Campaign January 7
 - Church Planting Sunday March 17

THE BUDGET

ABLAZE Campaign	.....	\$ 800.00
Church Planting Manual	.....	\$ 1250.00
▪ Expenses: Computer ink, paper, printing, collating, binding		
▪ Distribution to:		
Parent Churches, Church Planters, Prospective Parents,		
Planters' Mentors-Coaches		
CoBridge Parenting presentation materials	.....	\$ 450.00
Parent Link presentation materials	.....	\$ 450.00
Church Within Church presentation materials	.....	\$ 450.00
Newsletter/Prayer Cards (quarterly)	.....	\$ 450.00
Mentoring Summit	.....	<u>\$ 1800.00</u>
▪ Inviting: Veteran Planters, Planting mentors,		
Elders, Parent Church Pastors		
▪ Expenses: speakers' gifts, printing of materials,		
snacks, conference room, binders/folders		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 5650.00
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RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET:

Evangelism Fund	-	\$4000.00
Donors & Fund Raising	-	<u>\$1650.00</u> \$5650.00

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, NCDS

Home Mission		\$7500
Classis GLA		7500 (Already built into CENT budget)
Total	.....	\$15000

Attachment E
2013 Visión for Hispanic Leadership Development
For the Classes of Southern California and Greater Los Angeles
Presented by The Hispanic Ministry Developer, Rev. Mirtha Villafane

Our Visión:
 is to see a growing movement of CRC Hispanic lay leaders and pastors
 planting new churches and developing effective church ministries.

Our Misión:
 is to develop healthy leaders and pastors
 who will effectively make contagious disciples through the churches.

Our purpose:
 is to build a training system that effectively equips and resources
 lay leaders and pastors to plant new churches and develop their church ministries

Introduction:

Development of Leaders

The development of leaders is not an option, it is the fundamental base for the ministry. If we don't train leaders and prepare them for the ministry we are not going to see a growing movement of disciple making in the churches. The church in the first century was primarily focused on developing leaders for the work of the ministry. This was mandated by the Apostle Paul in the 1st and 2nd letters to Timothy (See II 2:2)

Church Planting

Secondly, we need an intentional development process for the emerging churches that will lead them to become self-sufficient and self-reproductive. This will require leaders with the capacity to establish healthy churches with a vision.

Two Step Strategy:

Strategy One:

Lay and Pastor Leadership Development:

Leading to a motion from the LDT to be approved by Classis GLA

A. The Program:

- Under the auspices of the Miami International Theological Seminary (MInTS) and its Southern California Dean, Rev. Eddy Allaman, students are able to pursue a three year CRC focused training program. The program is offered in 5 modules per year.
- Completing the three year course (15 modules) would effectively equip a church ministry leader, could lead the student to becoming a "commissioned pastor" in the CRC, or be the prerequisite for entrance into a Master of Divinity program (with some added courses).

B. Internship:

- All the ministry candidates will - in their first year of the program - have a year internship working in a local church in different areas of the ministry.
- The local pastor with whom the candidate is working will serve as his/her supervisor/mentor and will give a monthly progress report to the instructor. At the end of the year an annual report on the candidate is submitted.

C. Commissioned Pastor (formerly Associate Minister).

Candidates who do not proceed to a Master of Divinity may consider ordination as a “Commissioned Pastor - Ministry Associate.” In the last two years of study “commisioned pastor” candidates will cover all basic areas needed for ministerial preparedness including a special emphasis in the competencies of urban ministries.

D. Goals of the Program

- To train at least two new candidates every year.
- To start a branch of the MInTS utilizing CRC teachers
- To have 12 students in the MInTS program per year (6 from each Classis)

E. Budget for both Classis Cal South and GLA:

Expenses:

MInTS Tuition for 12 students & program costs:	7200
Teacher for Cal South Classis site:	1200
Teacher for GLA Classis site:	<u>1200</u>
Total Expenses	9600

Income:

Classis CA South Leadership Development Team:	
Teacher honorarium: 6 classes/ \$200 per class:	1200
½ of tuition cost of 5 modules for 6 students	<u>1800</u>
TOTAL	3000 3000

Classis GLA Leadership Development Team	
Teacher honorarium: 6 classes/ \$200 per class:	1200
½ of tuition cost of 5 modules for 6 students	<u>1800</u>
TOTAL	3000 3000

Student tuition at \$50 per module	<u>3600</u>
Total Income	9600

The Motion

- The GLA Leadership Development Team moves that Classis GLA
- a. endorse the use of the MInTS training program and
 - b. agrees to fund this program with \$3000 for 2013 through the LDT budget.
 - c. And evaluates the effectiveness of the program for continued support at its October 2013 Classis meeting through a LDT evaluation report.

Strategy 2
Church Planting

Leading to a motion from the LDT to be approved by Classis GLA

A. Home/Mother Church:

- Each church we plant must have a home/mother church.
- The vision is to plant a church in each CRC building
- The mother church planter would give spiritual support
- The mother church supervises the planters work

B. Boot Camp for church planters

- The candidates would have to attend to a church planting Boot Camp. This Boot Camp would be done on the third week of the month of March of each year.
- It would be a three day camp starting Monday at noon and ending Thursday at noon.
- At the camp we will focus on two principal areas:

1. The Planter:

- ✓ Defining the Vision
- ✓ By setting the values
- ✓ Mission statement
- ✓ Spiritual life
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Effective Evangelism
- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ Overcoming obstacles
- ✓ Family Care

2. The Ministry: Natural Church Development

- ✓ Leadership trainer
- ✓ Ministry according to the gifts
- ✓ Fervent spirituality
- ✓ Functional structures
- ✓ Inspiring Workship
- ✓ Small groups
- ✓ Evangelism as needed
- ✓ Affective relationships

C. Strategic Plan:

- We will follow a nine-month strategic plan to plant churches
- This will help us make sure to take all steps required for each planting.
- This plan also includes a financial strategic plan for each church.

D. Training:

- Training is Essential for Ministry.
- We will not send any planter to the field of ministry without a coach.
- Each planter will be assigned a coach who will meet once a month

E. Evaluation:

- Before sending any planter to the field we will make an evaluation
- We will not send any planter without first being evaluated, we must evaluate whether he is ready
- We will use the Ridley evaluation

F. Fellowship meeting:

- We will gather for an evening of fellowship on every fifth Monday (3 to 4 times a year)

G. Plan of Fasting and Prayer:

- We will always be in prayer for all of our planter churchers in different areas.
- We will be dedicating the first Monday of each month to Fast and Pray for all church planting projects.

H. Goals

- To plant at least one church every year in each Classis
- To train every church planter in personal Refocusing
- To develop an Strategic Plan for each new church planting
- To implement church planting strategy
- To increase mass evangelistic efforts to support our church planters
- To get each new church to be self-sustaining in five years

Budget:

Expenses:

Hispanic Developer's salary	31000
Hispanic Developers expenses	1200
Total	32200

Income

Classis GLA	15500
Classis Cal South	15500
Donors	1200
Total	32200

Attachment F

Hi, I'm Verlan Van Ee and I'm on a passionate, patience mission of seeking God's next ministry assignment. I've been a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church since 1984.

I have ministered in a variety of churches, settings and positions: everything from youth pastor, to lead pastor; from outreach street pastor to single parish ministry; from ministry in suburban areas to outreach in small towns and rural areas. I love variety and new challenges!

My strengths are in outreach, evangelism and discipleship and I never grow tired of being around youth and young adults. Most of all, I am a pastor/shepherd at heart. I love being with people of all ages; having that sacred privilege of pastoring them through the most significant passages of their

lives (births, baptisms, conversions, confirmations, weddings and funerals). My greatest joy in life is being used by the Holy Spirit to lead someone to Christ and helping them grow their spiritual roots and wings.

My wife and I enjoy working as a team in the ministry of hospitality and personal discipleship. We find it exciting and inspiring to meet new people and cultivate a wide variety of relationships. We enjoy inviting people into our outdoor world of exploration and recreation. I especially thrive on leading people to new discoveries by coming alongside of them to explore their questions, doubts, and hurts.

Preaching and teaching are other primary gifts I employ and enjoy, because I naturally want to share what God is teaching me. My cup overflows with the grace and goodness of God's Word and the beauty and majesty of God's World. I can't help but sing out, "This is My Father's World". This world and our lives belong to God, our Creator and Savior. I am seeking a call to where these gifts and passions can grow to their full fruition by living out the Good News of God's Kingdom in our families, our churches, our communities...in all of God's creation and our world.

As we await God's calling we have been given these verses to affirm and encourage us:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15

8. 11:50 AM Leadership Development Team Report

Our purpose is to help all Classis GLA churches become healthy ministries by identifying, training, and supporting leaders for effective service.

Team members: Dick Van Eck (CRWRC); Mirtha Villafañe (Hispanic Ministry);
 Carl Kromminga (Evangelist Training Program, Project Timothy);
 Sid Sybenga (Mentoring, Peer Relations, etc.);
 Bill Postma (Scholarship Fund, Student Fund) – team chairperson

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a. Training plans for Hispanic ministry Leaders (see report above p. 26 - 30)
- b. Youth Calvinist request for support (see Letter below).

2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. LDN/ETP: Al Brems currently has 10 students - 2 from GLA.
- b. The Scholarship Fund: Of our \$7500 of scholarship funds for 2012, we still have \$1418 available, as of September 7, for participation in various leadership events. Please consider this fund as a mechanism to promote ministry training in your church.

- c. The Student Fund is now supporting Sang Yoon Jin (member of Bethany Korean Community Church) in his studies at Calvin Theological Seminary via tuition loans.
- d. Project Timothy: For the past several years, we have held Project Timothy in September. We moved this youth leadership training event back a bit so that you could promote it in your youth group meetings! Project Timothy will be held at Rosewood Church in Bellflower on Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13. We begin at 5 p.m. and conclude the next day at 11 a.m. A brochure which you can give to your young people is available on the CLASSISGLA.org website.

We encourage youth leaders (at least one) to attend WITH their youth. There are "break out" sessions during the weekend to give you an opportunity to meet with your group and apply what you have learned to your unique church setting.

- e. CRWRC report is attached as a separate report.
- f. Classis GLA website (www.ClassisGLA.org): Send a picture of a classis event for incorporation onto the Home page. A short note and/or a picture may be just what is needed for some extra encouragement (send details and/or questions to Bill.Postma@gmail.com).

To: Classis GLA September 14, 2012

From: the **Southern California Young Calvinist League**

What: **Request for funds**

Members of Classis GLA,

It's been said that the number one issue facing the future of the church in North America is capturing the hearts and imaginations of its young people.

Over forty years ago, youth leaders of Southern California CRC's banded together to form a working group known as the Southern California Young Calvinist League, or SCYCL for short, in hopes of together learning how to best address young peoples' spiritual needs. Together, youth leaders planned and held joint events and retreats that brought together high school kids from area CRC churches. The key gathering has always been the annual Winter Retreat.

Working together is always a challenge, especially with the turnover among youth workers. Interest in, and attendance at the Winter Retreat has fluctuated in the forty year history, but the last six years have seen a resurgence of participation.

Each of the past five years, attendance at the Winter Retreat has grown. Six years ago, 90 students and leaders met at Laurel Pines, near Big Bear. After outgrowing that camp and another (Mile High Pines), last year, 275 students and leaders gathered at Thousand Pines Christian Camp to hear from Pastor Kondo Simfukwe of Mission Point Community Church, in Indiana. This is the largest CRC gathering of students in California (that we're aware of).

This year the retreat is scheduled for March 1-3, and will, for the third straight year, be held at Thousand Pines Christian Camp. The planners of this retreat hope and pray that we will be able to draw from an even wider number of CRC churches. Communication about the retreat has been largely under the radar and dependent on existing networks among youth pastors. We hope that you reading this letter, will inform the youth leaders of your church about this event.

The other purpose of this letter is to request funds from Classis Greater Los Angeles. The past few years, retreat costs beyond the cost of registration were covered by money remaining in the SCYCL account, and by a few churches, but little remains in the SCYCL account. In addition, we currently do not have the \$6500 needed for deposit at this year's camp. Thus, the SCYCL, asks for \$5000 to help cover costs for this year's retreat. A potential breakdown of the use of such funds comes from Nick In't Hout (youth pastor at the River CRC):

1) speaker fee: \$1,000 honorarium + flight (\$500) + camp fee (\$109) + rental car/meals/hotel (\$300) = \$1,909

2) band fee: (camp fee (\$109) times 5 = \$545) stipend/honorarium \$500 = \$1,045

3) scholarships for financially struggling congregations: (this amount has varied throughout the years but help has generally come from other churches willing to help and the SCYCL surplus, which no longer exists) \$500 - 1,500

4) snacks for Friday/Sat - \$500

5) t-shirts - \$1,500

6) appreciation gifts (registration team, camp emt, night watch, sound booth) \$200

\$6500 deposit - we currently don't have the funds for this, but are hoping one of the church's will put the deposit down.

Approximate total = \$4,654 (w/o tshirts) or \$6,154 (w/ tshirts)

Each year the camp gets more expensive and the more it costs, the less likely we are to attract students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. Our goal has been to keep the retreat cost at \$100, but we're going to have to raise the price this year, potentially to \$120.

In summary, the SCYCL requests classis for \$5000 to help cover the costs for the joint High School Winter Retreat, held this year on March 1-3, at Thousand Pines Christian Camp. Please also inform your youth leaders of this great opportunity!

In Christ, On behalf of the Southern California Young Calvinist League
Rev. Erick Westra

9. **12:05 PM Church Credential communications to Classis**

10. **12:10 PM Finance Team report & the 2013 Budget**

Team members: Jim Zoetewey-chariperson, Richard Hoeksema, Don Mulder and Goldene Byma.

I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

1. Treasurer's report - January – June 2012 (summary below)
* Full report attached as separate file or at www.classigal.org
2. Proposed budget for calendar year 2013 (summary below)
*Full report attached as separate file or at www.classisgla.org

****THE FT IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.**

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2012

- p. 2 Balance Sheet – Lists a Capital account of approximately \$450,100.
- p. 3 Classical Ministry Shares – Received \$ 60,256 for the first half of year 2012, which is approximately fifty-five percent of the budgeted amount of \$108,945 for the year.
- p. 4 Classical Leadership Team – Within budget.
- p. 5 CENT Team – Within budget.
- p. 6 Classical Credentialing Team – Within budget.
- p. 7 Leadership Development Team – Within budget.
- p. 8 Race Relations Team – Within budget.
- p. 8 Finance Resource Team – Within budget.
- p. 9 Fund Account Summary – balances are listed for January through June 2012

BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2012

ASSETS

CASH

Cal National -- Checking	207,137	
Bank of America --Cash Maximizer	202,959	
Total Cash		410,096

NOTES

Talking Stick	40,000	
Total Loans		40,000

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 450,096
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TEAM AND FUND BALANCES

CLT	3,722
CENT	10,060
CCT	277
LDT	8,497
RRT	42
FRT	2,180
Anuenue Fund	40,000
Camp Dunamis	(17,430)
CENT Fund	224,109
Loan - Book Value	40,000
General Fund	126,137
Medical Assistance Fund	44
Peer Relations Developer	2,250
Project Timothy	3,039
Race Relations Program	4,894
Student Fund	2,275

TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$ 450,096
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**Classis Greater Los Angeles
2013 Proposed Budget Summary ***

INCOME		
Ministry Shares	\$	115,000
Interest-FRT	\$	600
Total Income	\$	115,600
EXPENSES		
Classical Leadership Team	\$	34,000
CENT	\$	26,000
Classical Credentialing Team	\$	500
Leadership Development Team	\$	32,000
Race Relations Team	\$	5,500
Finance Resource Team	\$	17,600
Total Expenses	\$	115,600
 Ministry Share per Contributing Member	 \$	 62.00

* To help keep the agenda to a reasonable length, we are giving this summary sheet instead of pages of detail. The financial detail is posted on our website (www.classisgla.org) and attached as a separate pdf file.

CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARES RECEIVED

JANUARY through JUNE, 2012

CHURCH	Contributing Members	Year Organized	Shares Received	Percent Paid
ORGANIZED EIGHT YEARS OR MORE - MINISTRY				
SHARE =				
Anaheim	157	1956	9,858	101%
Anaheim, Latin Am.	30	1983	1,600	86%
Arcadia	125	1941	-	0%
Artesia, First	110	1938	3,410	50%
Artesia, Trinity	70	1954	4,340	100%
Bellf., Bethany	385	1943	12,617	53%
Bellf., First	154	1927	4,774	50%
Bellf., Rosewood	177	1950	5,487	50%
Bellf., God's Grace Chr Ch	22	1997	600	44%
Burbank, Bethany	22	2000	1,200	88%
Camarillo, Hispanic	1	1953	500	100%
Carson God's Grace	108	2003	100	1%
Faith Pres- Guam	34	2003	-	0%
LakeView-All Nations Ch	350	2003	5,000	50%
Long Beach	205	1953	6,385	50%
L.B. New City	97	2003	-	0%
L. A. Community	102	1988	-	0%
Montrey Pk. Chinese	32	1991	-	0%
Sun Valley, Bethel	88	1932	1,146	21%
Sun Valley, Sol De Valle	30	1996	-	0%
Sub-totals	2299		\$ 57,017	

ORGANIZED –SEVEN YEARS OR LESS - 10% TITHE

Covina, Bridge	142	2007	1,000
Fountain of Life	62	2006	1,405
Little Saigon	58	2006	434
New Ground Harvest	20	2007	-
L.A. Ttokamsa	120	2010	-
Sub-totals	402		\$ 2,839

UNORGANIZED CHURCHES

2% - 10% of Offerings

Artesia City Church	
Bakersfield Campus of All Nation	
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	
Los Angeles, God's Grace Unlimited Fellowship	
Santa Clarita Valley Community	400
Venice Beach, Talking Stick	
Westminister, Ekklesia CRC	

Sub-totals	400
TOTALS	\$ 60,256

Ministry Shares Received for January-June 2012	\$60,256
2012 Ministry Shares Budget	\$108,945

Contributing members = Total # of professing members less those under age 18 less inactive members; per CRCNA YEARBOOK 2012.

11. **12:30 PM CCT update and follow up actions**

12. **12:40 PM Quest Speakers**
 - a. Dick Van Eck for CRCNA World Renew
 - b. Steve Nyenhuis for CRCNA Disability Concerns

13. **12:50 PM Closing and Lunch**