

# Classis Greater Los Angeles Meeting

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**Tuesday**, February 26, 2013

**First CRC, Bellflower.**

17603 S. Ardmore Ave, CA 90706

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.

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**Also bring a signed copy of your Church Credential.**

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(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

Chairperson: Henry Lengkeek Vice Chair: Bonny Mulder-Behnia Clerk: Sid Sybenga

- 8:30 AM Opening welcome and devotions: Leadership Development Team (p.3-5)
- 8:45 AM Discerning together the Leadership Development needs of the churches in GLA
- 9:15 AM Highlighting five Leadership Development opportunities in GLA
- 9:30 AM Introductions and Credentials and signing of Covenant for Office Bearers (p.5)
- 9:40 AM First Ballots for Synodical Delegates Pastors & Elders (p.6)
- 9:45 AM CCT report & Article 23 Examinations Marco Arandia and introductions (p.7)
- 10:30 AM Coffee Break & Networking
- 11:00 AM Prayer Summit Challenge Re. Tae Kim (p.8)
- 11:05 AM Second Ballot for Synodical Delegates
- 11:15 AM CLT & Clerk Reports (p. 8-11)
- 11:25 AM CENT: approve Evangelism Fund guidelines; (p. 11-19)
- 12:00 PM RRT report (p. 20)
- 12:15 PM Church Credential Communications to Classis (p.20)
- 12:20 PM Finance Team Report (p. 21 )
- 12:30 PM Guest speaker from the Safe Church Ministry
  - How can we serve the churches in developing Safe Church Policies
  - Interactions and discussions will continue during lunch.
- 1:00 PM Closing Prayers 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.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN CLASSIS GLA Discernment Guide

### Ephesians 4

<sup>7</sup>To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup>This is why it says: "He ... gave gifts to his people." <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Pero a cada uno de nosotros se nos ha dado gracia en la medida en que Cristo ha repartido los dones. <sup>8</sup>Por esto dice: «y dio dones a los hombres.» <sup>11</sup>Él mismo constituyó a unos, apóstoles; a otros, profetas; a otros, evangelistas; y a otros, pastores y maestros, <sup>12</sup>a fin de capacitar al \*pueblo de Dios para la obra de servicio, para edificar el cuerpo de Cristo. <sup>13</sup>De este modo, todos llegaremos a la unidad de la fe y del conocimiento del Hijo de Dios, a una \*humanidad \*perfecta que se conforme a la plena estatura de Cristo.

7 우리 각 사람에게 그리스도의 선물의 분량대로 은혜를 주셨나니 4:11 그가 혹은 사도로, 혹은 선지자로, 혹은 복음전하는 자로, 혹은 목사와 교사로 주셨으니 :12 이는 성도를 온전케 하며 봉사 일을 하게 하며 그리스도의 몸을 세우려 하심이라 :13 우리가 다 하나님의 아들을 믿는 것과 아는 일에 하나가 되어 온전한 사람을 이루어 그리스도의 장성한 분량이 충만한 데까지 이르리니

### IN GROUPS: Please share, discuss, and report your responses to these questions.

1. What do you hear God saying about leadership to you and your church in this passage?
2. The health and long term viability of your church and its mission depends on training local leaders. Do you have a plan to raise up leaders? What has been most helpful?
3. How can Classis or the LDT help your church in developing leaders?
4. What do you appreciate about the role the LDT plays in Classis? Any suggestions?
5. If Classis and Home Missions would invest in other support staff in Classis what would you like to see that would be helpful to your church?
6. What do you appreciate about LEAD teams? How could they improve? (or why do you not participate?)
7. Does anyone you know have a passion for leadership development who could be asked to serve on the LDT?
8. Do you have a Safe Church Policy to equip and to protect your church members from abuse? What do you need to create or implement one?

**1. 8:30 AM Opening devotions: Marco Arandia, Mirtha Villafane**

**2. 8:45 AM Leadership Development in Classis GLA**

Discern Leadership Development needs together (page 3)

### Leadership Development Team (LDT) Report

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

Team members: Mirtha Villafañe (Hispanic Ministry); Carl Kromminga (Evangelist Training Program, Project Timothy); Sid Sybenga (staff) (Mentoring, Peer Relations, LEAD teams, & special projects ); Bill Postma (Scholarship Fund, Student Fund) – team chairperson

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#### 1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a) Motion: The LDT and the CENT propose that \$35,000 of the \$75,000 funds to be transferred from the Classis General Fund to the CENT fund - as proposed by the CLT – be used as a separate Church Assessment Fund to assist churches fund a Regional Ministry Team/Home Missions Church assessment - ministry mapping - congregational coaching process.

Notes: Fund will be activated when Classis approves fund guidelines at its May 7 meeting. The Fund will be reevaluated in five years as to its usefulness. The goal of the LDT is that 12 GLA churches will go through an assessment process using a Sustaining Congregational Excellence grant, a Classis Assessment grant, and share a minimum 25% of the cost.

- b) Motion to approved David Lee of the All Nations Church, and Lon Wagner of Bethany Bellflower as a new members of the LDT.

#### 2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Leadership Development Network/ETP: Al Breems currently has 10 students - 2 from GLA. This is a three year training for commissioned pastors in the CRC.
- b. The Scholarship Fund: Our \$7500 of scholarship funds were fully used in 2012. If you need help paying registration or tuition for leadership training events for your church leaders go online at [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org) to apply for a scholarship.
- c. The GLA Student Fund helps students with their M.Div tuition who are committed to Minster of the Word ordination in the CRCNA. Contact and information: [Bill.Postma@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.Postma@gmail.com)
- d. Project Timothy: Five churches participated in Project Timothy this year; 2 of these churches for the first time, with a total of 33 teens and young adults attending. Our speaker, Shannon Stevens, is a graduate of the first Project Timothy, held back in 1999. She has been involved in two church plants in the Sacramento area and currently works with the homeless. We have begun planning Project Timothy, 2013 in October.
- e. SoCal High School Winter Retreat March 1-3, 2013. Register your youth ASAP before Feb 28 with [rachelchristina.nydham@calbaptist.edu](mailto:rachelchristina.nydham@calbaptist.edu) or 909-653-5217.

- f. Presenters today: Rick Westra (Youth Retreat), Hispanic Seminary Student, Timothy Project participant, LEAD teams, ETP – Rev. Al Breems.
- g. LDT Goals for 2013 .
1. Increase youth participation by 10 % in Camp Dunamis, Winter Retreat, Project Timothy, Facing Your Future.
  2. Increase our understanding of the Leadership Development needs of the churches by participating in 5 church visiting and listening sessions.
  3. Populate the LDT with more diverse and younger members.
  4. Research the Timothy Leadership Institute as a possible training program.
  5. Partner with 2 churches as they go through an assessment process.

### 3. 9:30 AM Introductions Henry Lengkeek, **Credentials** (Clerk)

Greetings from Rev. David Jeltema

**Synodical Delegates first ballot (see sample ballots on page 6)**

#### Classis GLA Roster of Churches –

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen, Maged Dakdouk		
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafañe		
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga, Adriana Sybenga, Faith Lim, Charles Ho, Gary Stevens		
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen, Petr Kornilov		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra		
Bellflower, First	Don Byker		
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, HyukS 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		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Jin So Yoo, Tae Young Kim, Pablo Lee Rich Kim, Jin Phil Huh, Ken Hong, Peter Kang, Christina Kang, Jim Seung, Joseph Hyun, John Lee, Chris Choe, David Lee, David Jineung, Abraham Lee		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga, Daniel Mendez		
Los Angeles, Community	Richard Jones, Alison Jones		
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Ron Black		
Los Angeles, Tokamsa Mission	Ken Choe, Charles Oh, BJ Jun		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian			
Monterey Park, Chinese	John Tong (emeritus)		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Julius Amawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon (24)	Matthew Le		

<b>Emerging Churches</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Parenting Church</b>
Together Community Church	Sung Chil Choi - O	
Artesia City Church	Wallace Williams - CP	Bethany Bellflower
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
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson - O	L. A. Community
Santa Clarita Hope Community Church	David Kong - O	Bethany Korean
Venice Beach, Talking Stick		Trinity, Artesia
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC (11)	Jonas Muljo - O	Hope International
<i>CP = Commissioned Pastor O= Minister of the Word</i>		

**Electing Delegates for Synod 2013**

Synod 2013 will be held in Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan June 7 - 14  
 GLA needs two Minister delegates and two Elder delegates to serve. See sample ballot

<b>Minister Delegate</b>		<b>Ballot #1</b>
Pastor Delegate <sup>3</sup> *see past delegates on page	willing to serve	<b>Check 2</b>
Pastor 1		
Pastor 2	X	
Pastor 3		
Pastor 4		
Note 1. Minister Delegate must be a "minister of the word" in an established church		
Note 2. Classis GLA is committed to sending a delegation that represents our diversity		
Please vote with this diversity representation in mind.		
Note 3. Pastors should be present at the meeting to be delegated.		
Note 4. Those receiving a majority vote on the first ballot will be considered elected		
Note 5. The 4-5 who received the most votes on the 1st ballot will be placed on the 2nd ballot.		

<b>Elder Delegate</b>		<b>ballot #1</b>
Elders delegates *see past delegate page	<b>willing to serve</b>	<b>check 2</b>
elder	X	
elder	X	
Commissioned pastor		
Minister of Word in emerging church		
elder		
Note 1 : Commissioned Pastors, Ministers of the Word in emerging churches and elders can serve as elder delegates.		

## 4. 9:45 AM Classical Credentialing Team (CCT) Report

**Team: Rick Westra, Daniel Mendez, Richard Jones**

### I. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLASSIS

**A. To accept the introductions of Enoch & Cecilia Rodriguez, Ernesto Mejia, and Sherman Lii 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: They have met with a member of the CCT and are submitting their initial paperwork.*

**B. To approve the addition of Matt Ford to the Credentialing Team.**

*Grounds: Daniel Mendez has decided to step down from the team and Matt has indicated his willingness to serve.*

**C. Long Beach CRC has officially requested that Mr. Brian Branderhorst's license to exhort in Classis GLA be extended for four years. The CCT requests Classis to approve this extension.**

**D. To proceed with the doctrinal conversation for Marco Arandia.**

*Grounds: Marco completed his learning covenant and met the requirements set by classis for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor.*

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

**E. To declare Marco Arandia eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in the HIC.**

### II. FOR INFORMATION

**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.

### **MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR MARCO ARANDIA (Approved in Feb 2012) Commissioned Pastor for the Spanish Ministry in Hope International Church**

**Ministry Purpose: To lead and develop the Spanish speaking Ministry of Hope International Church by serving as their pastor, lead musician, and discipleship trainer.**

## 5. 10:30 AM Coffee break for Networking and Fellowship

**6. 11:00 AM Synodical delegates selected by second ballot.**

**7. 11:05 AM The PRAYER SUMMIT with Rev. Tae Kim**

**8. 11:15 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 and serves as an access

Team members: David Haberbusch (leader); Mirtha Villafañe (Staff); Melvin Jackson;  
Sid Sybenga (Staff /Clerk); Brent Wassink; Peter Kang

1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS

- a. CLT proposes that \$75,000 of the money in the Classis General Fund be transferred to the CENT Fund to be used to by the churches for their outreach and evangelism programs. See motion from LDT on page 4. CLT suggests the LDT?CENT motion to be approved in principle pending the development of operational guidelines approved by Classis.

2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. The CLT received a request from the Safe Church Ministry of the CRCNA to make a presentation at our classis meeting. Request was welcomed since many of our churches do not have Safe Church policies to protect everyone from abuse and Classis needs to find ways to serve the churches in this area of their ministry.
- b. The CLT and Classis wish to thank Bonny Mulder-Behnia for her six years of service on this team. We invited churches to nominate new members for the CLT. Rosewood Church has nominated Dan Brink – who is willing to serve.
- c. In response to the input of Classis to our realignment proposal we have moved our spring meeting to May 7 at which time our CENT team will make a special presentation. The following Classis meeting will be October 22 and our Race Relations team will make a special presentation.
- d. 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 willing to be trained and serve Classis in this capacity please send a note or email to David Haberbusch ([dhaberbusch@lbinsolvency.com](mailto:dhaberbusch@lbinsolvency.com)) or Sid Sybenga ([glaclerkss@gmail.com](mailto:glaclerkss@gmail.com))
- e. Attached below are two charts to help make decision about electing Synodical delegates today, and to help you decide what Classical team to serve on.

3. PRAYER NEEDS - To provide new members for our Classis teams  
who reflect the diversity of Classis and can help serve the churches.  
To help us better serve each other for kingdom fruitfulness.

**Churches and People who have Served Classis GLA in the last 10 years.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Synod Pastor Delegate</b>	<b>Synod Elder Deleegate</b>
Feb-04	Long Beach CRC	C. Kromminga	S. Ver Heul	Merle Bierma	Stan Cole
May-04	Hope Int'l Arcadia	M. Whitten	none	Gilbert Verela	Art De Jong
Jun-04	Rosewood, Bellflwr	G. Verela	D. Koll		
Sep-04	LA Community	S. Ver Heul	H. Lengkeek		
Feb-05	Bethany Bellflower	H. Lengkeek	E. Tandayu	Tom Doorn	Francisco Golon
Mar-05	Bethel & Sol d Valle	E. Tandayu		Daniel Mendez	Norn Credit
Jun-05	Fountain of Life,	P. Hoekstra	J. Kim		
Sep-05	Bethany Burbank	J. Kim	B. Wassink		
Oct-05	All Nation Church,	B. Wassink	M. Jackson		
Jan-06	New City, Long Bch	F. Golon	C. Kromminga		
Mar-06	Bethany Bellflower	D. Koll	D. Aguhub	David Koll	Frank de Haan
Sep-06	Bethel Sun Valley	M. Whitten	M. Jackson	Roy Palovicini	David Haberbusch
Oct-06	Talking Stick, Venice	M. Ford	R.Goudzw-rd		
Mar-07	First Artesia	R.Goudzw-d	D. Koll	Melvin Jcksn	Merf Tanis
Apr-07	Bethany Bellflower	H. Lengkeek		Matt Ford	Bernard V Weide
Jun-07	Bethany Burbank	B. Wassink	?		
Sep-07	Little Saigon	P. Hoekstra	R.Westra		
Oct-07	Bridge Covina	R. Westra	?		
Feb-08	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Brink	D. Haberbusch	Dan Brink	Bill Postma
Apr-08	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Haberbusch	M. Jackson	Elmer Tandayu	Fatu Auau
Sep-08	All Nation Church,	D. Brink	?		
Oct-08	Hope Int'l Arcadia	M. Jackson	D. Brink		
Jan-09	Anaheim CRC	B. Wassink	R.Westra		
Feb-09	First Bellflower	D. Brink	D. Kong	Rick Westra	Mattie Young
Jun-09	Rosewood, Bellflwr	H. Lengkeek	M. Jackson	Melvin Jcksn	Wallace Williams
Oct-09	Hope Int'l Arcadia	D. Brink	M. Jackson		
Jan-10	Latin America, Anhm	B. Wassink	R.Westra		
Feb-10	First & City Artesia	B. Wassink		Rick Westra	Rich Haagsma
Oct-10	Ttokamsa, LA	H. Lengkeek	D. Haberbusch	Richard Jones	Art Lapre
Feb-11	All Nations Church	D. Haberbusch	P. Kang	Bonny M-Bhn	Tae Young
May-11	Rosewood, Bellflwr	D. Brink	P. Kang	Peter Kang	Tom Byma
Oct-11	Little Saigon/Ekklesia	H. Lengkeek	B. Wassink		
Feb-12	Hope Int'l Arcadia	A. Sybenga		Charles Oh	Maged Dakdouk
Feb-12	Bridge Covina	H. Lengkeek	P. Kang	Joel VanSoele	Fatu Auau
Oct -12	Hope Int'l Arcadia	P. Kang	M. Villafane		
Oct 12	LA Community	D. Brink	D. Lee		
Feb 13	Bellflower First	H. Lengkeek	B. Mulder-Beh		
May 13					

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams February 2013</b>		
<i>The goal is to have every church participating on a Classis team</i>		
<i>Where could you or a church member serve Classis?</i>		
<b>Leadership Development Team - LDT</b>		
<u><i>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</i></u>		
Sid Sybenga		staff
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary
Mirtha Villafane		staff
Bill Postma	bill.postma@gmail.com	Leader
<b>Race Relations Team - RRT</b>		
<u><i>promotes intercultural appreciation, cooperation, and multicultural values</i></u>		
Mattie Young		
Frank DeHaan		
Richard Jones	lcommunitychurch@att.net	Leader
Daniel Mendez	pastordanielmendez@yahoo.com	Leader
Ruth Palma		
Alison Jones		
Fatu Auau		
<b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>		
<u><i>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</i></u>		
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader
Richard Jones		
Daniel Mendez		
<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>		
<u><i>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</i></u>		
Brent Wassink		
Melvin Jackson		
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader
Peter Kang		
Sid Sybenga	sshope10@yahoo.com	Staff/Clerk

<b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT (formally NCDT)</b>		
<i>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</i>		
David Kong		
Rachel Van Dyke	rvandyk@verizon.net	Secretary
Tom Doorn	Tcdoorn5@aol.com	Leader
Joel Van Soelen		
Elmer Tandayu		Staff
Mirtha Villafane		Staff
Alison Jones		
Matt Sapp		
Maged Dakdouk		
Chris Choe		
Sid Sybenga		CLT Liaison

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

**7b. 11:22 AM Clerk Report**

**9. 11:25 PM Church Empowerment and Networking Team Report (CENT) (Previously, New Church Development Team)**

**1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS**

1. Motion to pass the “Guidelines for the CENT Fund” (see pages )
2. Motion to pass the proposal by CENT and CLDT concerning the \$75,000 in savings. CENT concurs with the proposal by the LDT.

**2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Plan

- a. If the “Guidelines for the CENT Fund” Motion is approved then CENT will be administering the distribution of funds for this year as

follows: 1. Since the funding is for just a half a year, only 10% of the fund will be used this year. 2. Projects to be funded must happen between July and December of 2013. 3. A church can only apply if it is an established church and has paid 100% of the agreed upon classical ministry shares for 2012 or is an emerging church and has paid 3% of their budget for ministry shares in 2012. 4. Application and evaluation forms are in the agenda, application form must be submitted between April 1 and April 30 of 2013. Please submit them by email to our clerk, Mrs. Rachel VanDyk. Evaluation form must be submitted to the clerk within 1 month after the project is over. No evaluation form, no funding for the next year.

- b. If the "Guidelines for the CENT Fund" Motion is approved, then CENT will be looking for 3 people to be on the CENT Fund Team for 2014. Individuals must be mission minded, supportive of community outreach and church planting and have a sense of organization and finances. Please contact the CENT team if you have someone in your church that might be interested. CENT is committed to having a multi ethnic CENT Fund Team.
- c. Fan the Flame Evangelism conference will be May 18 at Anaheim CRC. Rev. Mirtha Villafane will share more about it at this time.
- d. The New Church Developer will give an update on developing a church planting manual as well as the Ablaze campaign for training churches in evangelism and church planting. (see attached PDF file)
- e. Rev. Alison Jones is currently putting together a young adult evangelism team, which was approved by classis as part of our plan.
- f. We continue to discuss how best to develop communication and networking between churches on outreach and church planting. We would appreciate your suggestions.
- g. 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 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.
- h. CENT met with a rep from Kingdom Causes and is looking at ways classis, churches can work together with Kingdom Causes to do evangelism in a community context. This would also include ways of

networking churches that are already doing some type of “diaconal community outreach/ evangelism.”

2. Hawaii Fund update: The team has not met yet due to the changes going on with the Regional Leader position. HM feels that we need to move forward without the RL. Hopefully we can report some movement forward by the May meeting of classis.
3. Update on WCRT and Regional Leader position. Sid and Tom, along with other reps from the 5 classes of the region met with Home Missions reps, Moses Chung, Martin Contant, Arlan VandenBos. HM seems open to rethinking the idea of a single RL for the region as well as the role of the WCRT. A proposal from the 5 classical CENT Teams and Home Missions will be coming to classis hopefully this May.
4. Hispanic Developer report
5. The Talking Stick /Venice Beach Fellowship Update
6. CENT has appointed Tom Doorn and Matt Sapp to represent them on the CLT.
7. Please check with the monthly classical newsletter for stories from churches on things they are doing in the area of community outreach and evangelism.

### **NCDT 2012 Plan (already approved by classis)**

#### **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.
- 7. Work with the Reformed church locally and Cal South Classis to review Kingdom Enterprise Zones and make a decision by Oct, 2012.
- 8. By Oct 2012, do a feasibility study with interested churches about starting another Talking Stick
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.

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**Guidelines for the CENT 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.**

**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 1 of 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 agreed upon 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 non members 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 semi annual evaluation report to CENT FUND team.

**E. Guidelines for church planting**

1. Church planter should have at least 1-2 years in supervised 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 go toward the creation of churches that are designed to serve more than one group (generation, class, ethnicity or other) and that acts interdependently and in cooperation with churches 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 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.

**CENT FUND Application form (for church evangelism/church outreach)**

1. Current Date:

2. Name of church:

3. Name of senior pastor

4. Contact person and their email address

5. Year requesting grant for:

6. Specifically and in some detail, describe the program the grant is being used for (50 words or less). Also describe the target population.

7. **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..**

8. **As a result of this ministry we hope to reach the following goals:** ( Please list 3-4 goals; they must be SMARTER (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely, Evaluate, Reevaluate) goals)

9. A church can tap into the fund only if it is an established church and has paid 100% of the agreed upon classical ministry shares the year before or is an emerging church and has paid 3% of its budget to classis the year before.

( please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ We affirm that we have paid the agreed upon ministry shares for last year.

\_\_\_\_\_ We were not able to pay the agreed upon ministry share for last year.

**If you do not submit an Evaluation report (once the project is ended) in a timely manner you will not be eligible for a grant the next year.**

## **CENT FUND Evaluation Report form (for church evangelism/church outreach)**

1. Current Date:
2. Name of church:
3. Name of senior pastor
4. Contact person and their email address
5. Year requesting grant for:
6. What happened? Describe in some detail how the program went.
7. What was your target population? Did you reach them? If not, why not?
8. List the goals in your application form and tell in some detail why or why not you reached those goals
9. Describe in some detail what you learn from this project?

### **Use of CENT Fund for 2013**

1. Funds can only be used for projects from July – December.
2. Fund distribution can only be up to 10% of the fund total as stated by the Classical treasurer on December 2012. See page ...  
fund total is \$199,109 10% = \$20,000 is available for church use.
3. Application form above must be submitted by email by April 30, 2013 to the CENT clerk Rachel Van Dyk [rvandyk@verizon.net](mailto:rvandyk@verizon.net).

**CENT note** the New Church Development Specialist report and 2013 plan is attached as a separate PDF file.

## **10. 12:01 PM Race Relations Team (RRT) Report**

[www.racerelationsgla.org](http://www.racerelationsgla.org) / [www.classisgla.org](http://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:** Mattie Young; Richard Jones; Ruth Palma; Frank De Haan; Daniel Méndez; Alison Jones; Fatu Auau

### **1. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS**

### **2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

RRT goals for 2013

### **3. PRAISES/Prayers**

## **11. 12:15 PM Church Credential Communications**

## 12. 12:20 PM Finance Team Report

Team members:

Jim Zoetewey-chairperson, Rich Hoeksema, Don Mulder, and Goldene Byma

1. ITEM FOR APPROVAL BY CLASSIS: 2012 Treasurer's Report

### **TREASURERS' REPORT**

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2012

The Finance/Resource Team (FRT) approved this report February 26, 2012.

This report covers the financial transactions of Classis Greater Los Angeles for January through December 2012.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

- p. 2 Balance Sheet – Lists a Capital account of \$467,786.16
- p. 3 Classical Ministry Shares – Received \$ 120,383 for 2012, which is approximately one hundred and ten 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 Jan through Dec 2012

Treasurer: Goldene Byma

**THE FINANCE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBERS.**

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<b>Treasurers Report Summary</b>				
January-December 2012				
			Actual	budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Ministry Shares			\$ 120,383	108,945
Interest-FRT			\$ 109	1,000
Total Income			\$ 120,492	109,950
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Classical Leadership Team			\$ 33,458	32,450
CENT			\$ 25,657	26,000
Classical Credentialing Team			\$ -	500
Leadership Development Team			\$ 27,679	30,000
Race Relations Team			\$ 3,000	5500
Finance Resource Team			\$ 12,908	15,500
Total Expenses			\$ 102,703	109,950

<b>FUND ACCOUNTS SUMMARY</b>	Dec 31, 2012	
	total	\$449,996.64
Anuenue Fund		\$ 40,000.00
Camp Dunamis		\$ 4,746.03
CENT Fund		\$ 199,109.49
Loan - Book Value		\$ 65,000.00
General Fund		\$ 126,136.93
Medical Assistance		\$ 3,343.74
Peer Relations Developer		\$ -
Project Timothy		\$ 3,090.89
Race Relations Fund		\$ 4,893.56
Student Fund		\$ 3,676.00

<b>SHARES RECEIVED IN 2012</b>				
	<b>Contributing</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
<b>Organized CHURCH</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
Anaheim	157	\$ 12,292	126%	9734
Anaheim, Latin Am.	30	\$ 1,600	86%	1860
Arcadia	125	\$ 4,000	52%	7750
Artesia, First	110	\$ 6,820	100%	6820
Artesia, Trinity	70	\$ 4,340	100%	4340
Bellf., Bethany	385	\$ 24,552	103%	23870
Bellf., First	154	\$ 9,548	100%	9548
Bellf., Rosewood	177	\$ 10,060	92%	10974
Bellf., God's Grace Chr Ch	22	\$ 975	71%	1364
Burbank, Bethany	22	\$ 1,600	117%	1364
Camarillo, Hispanic	1	\$ 500	806%	62
Carson God's Grace	108	\$ 400	6%	6696
Faith Pres- Guam	34	\$ 3,000	142%	2108
LakeView-All Nations Ch	350	\$ 10,000	100%	10000
Long Beach	205	\$ 12,740	100%	12710
L.B. New City	97	\$ 5,000	83%	6014
L. A. Community	102	\$ 2,000	32%	6324
Montrey Pk. Chinese	32	\$ 1,984	100%	1984
Sun Valley, Bethel	88	\$ 1,438	26%	5456
Sun Valley, Sol De Valle	30			0
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>2299</b>	<b>\$ 112,848</b>		<b>128,978</b>
<b>ORGANIZED -- 0-7 YEARS</b>		<b>10% tithe</b>		
Covina, Bridge	142	\$ 2,000		
Fountain of Life Fellowship	62	\$ 2,684		
Little Saigon	58	\$ 934		
New Ground Harvest	20	0		
L.A. Ttokamsa	120	0		
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>\$ 5,618</b>		

**EMERGING CHURCHES Ministry shares of 2% - 10 % of offerings**

Artesia City Church: .....	0
Bakersfield Campus of All Nations: .....	0
Bellflower, Lord’s Love Mission: .....	0
Bellflower, The Church on “X Street”: .....	0
La Crescenta, God’s Dream Center: .....	0
Corona, Holy City: .....	0
Cerritos, Heaven Bound: .....	0
Ewa Beach, Anuenue: .....	0
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan: .....	0
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship: .....	0
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church: .....	\$200
Venice Beach, Talking Stick: .....	0
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC: .....	\$1517

Total Ministry Shares Income for 2012 \$120, 383 Budgeted \$108, 945

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

SEE FULL REPORT AT [www.classisgla.org](http://www.classisgla.org)

**13. 12:30 SAFE CHURCH Presentation**

**With follow-up discussion during lunch**

**14. Closing Prayer and Fellowship Lunch**

**Next Classis Meetings**

**May 7, 2013**

**October 22, 2013 ANC, Lake View Terrace**