

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2013 6:30 PM

Hosted by the Hope International Church, Arcadia, CA

President: David Haberbush Vice-President: Tae Kim Clerk: Sid Sybenga

Synodical Deputies: Will Verhoef, Theodore Lim, and Bruce Persenaire (via Skype)

091913: 1 Opening: David Haberbush welcomed the delegates, the guests, and the synodical deputies; and opened in prayer. Special prayers were offered for Rev. Wallace Williams who was admitted into the hospital with multiple myeloma. Neighboring church deacons were asked to help in ministering to the Williams family in their need. The motion was made and seconded that the Classis CENT fund contribute \$3000 to Bethany CRC to assist the Williams family with medical and housing expenses. **Motion carried.**

091913: 1.1 The Clerk took the roll of the credentialed delegates and noted 14 of the possible 24 churches present as follows:

Established Churches	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen,	Dick Pickee	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafaña		
Arcadia Hope International	Sid Sybenga,	Adriana Sybenga	Faith Lim
Artesia, First	Paul Hansen	Petr Kornilov	
Artesia, Trinity	Erick Westra	Clarence DeVries	
Bellflower, First	Don Byker	Joel Ver Velde	
Bellflower, Bethany	Henry Lengkeek,	Jeff Funk	
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	Absent		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Absent		
Burbank, Bethany	Absent		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Absent		
Carson, Grace Christian Fellowship	Absent		
Covina, The Bridge	Absent		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim	Christina Kang	Chris Choe,
Long Beach	Brent Wassink		David Haberbush
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga,	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community		Gordon Van Enk	
Los Angeles, Harvest Church of	Absent		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Absent		
Mangilao, Guam, Faith Presbyterian	excused		
Monterey Park, Chinese	Absent		
Santa Fe Springs Together Community	Absent		
Sun Valley, Bethel	Julius Umawing	Steward Treiling	
Westminster, Little Saigon (24)	Matthew Le		
Emerging Churches	Pastor	Parenting Church	
Artesia City Church	Absent	Bethany Bellflower	
Anaheim Path of Life	Absent	Anaheim CRC	
Bellflower, Lord's Love Mission	Absent	Bethany, Bellflower	
Bellflower New Dawn	Absent	First Bellflower	
Bellflower, The Church on "X Street"	Absent	New City, Long Beach	
La Crescenta, God's Dream Center	Absent		
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	Absent	Rosewood, Bellflower	
Ewa Beach, Anuenue	Absent	Carson, Grace Chrstn Flwshp	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Absent	FoL Fountain Valley	
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Absent	L. A. Community	
Santa Clarita Hope Community Church	Absent	Bethany Korean	
Westminster, Ekklesia CRC (11)	Absent	Hope International	

091913:2 Classical Credential Team Report (CCT) by Rev. Erick Westra

091913:2.1 The president invited Erick Westra to proceed with the Article 8 Colloquium Doctum of Rev. Myo Sook Cho. The conversation was conducted by Erick Westra and translated into Korean by Tae Kim and Chris Choe. The delegates and synodical deputies asked further questions. The motion to declare Rev. Myo Sook Cho eligible for call in the CRCNA was made and supported. Executive session was declared. **Motion carried** and the Synodical deputies concurred. Executive session was declared ended. Rev. Cho was congratulated and prayed over. Rev. Cho will be installed October 6, 2013 in Hope International Church, Arcadia, California.

091913:2.2 The CCT introduced Micah Bruxvoort, the candidate called by Bethel CRC of Sun Valley. The practica part of the Article 10 examination was conducted by Tae Kim. The floor was opened to further questioning, and the **motion to proceed carried**. Erick Westra read the sermon evaluation report done and written by Rev. Norberto Wolf, and the **motion to proceed carried**. Matt Ford led the biblical and theological part of the examination. Again the floor was opened to further questioning. The **motion to admit** Micah Bruxvoort into the minister of the Word ministry of the CRCNA was supported. Executive session was declared. The motion to admit **carried** and the synodical deputies **concurred**. Executive session was declared ended. Micah Bruxvoort was congratulated and prayed over. Micah Bruxvoort will be ordained October 27, 2013 in Bethel CRC, Sun Valley, California.

091913:2.3 CCT introduced Hitomi Kornilov, the candidate called by First CRC of Artesia to serve as a chaplain in the Little Company of Mary hospital in Torrance. The practica part of the Article 10 examination was conducted by Mirtha Villafane. The floor was opened to further questioning, and the **motion to proceed carried**. Brent Wassink read the sermon evaluation report done and written by him and Mirtha Villafane, and the **motion to proceed carried**. Joel Van Soelen led the biblical and theological part of the examination. Again the floor was opened to further questioning. The **motion to admit** Hitomi Kornilov into the minister of the Word ministry of the CRCNA was supported. Executive session was declared. The motion to admit was **carried** and the synodical deputies **concurred** but noted that since Hitomi will not be serving as a pastor of a church Artesia First CRC is required at a future Classis meeting to ascertain the agreement of Classis that the call is "consistent with the calling of a minister of the word" according to CO Article 12 c. Executive session was declared ended. Hitomi Kornilov was congratulated and prayed over. Hitomi Kornilov will be ordained November 10, 2013 in Artesia First CRC, Artesia California.

091913:2.4 The CCT officially introduced Jeff Funk, a member of Bethany CRC in Bellflower, as having applied and accepted into the ordination process as a commissioned pastor in Classis GLA. Classis accepted the introduction and **approved** proceeding with the process.

091913: 3 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) Clerk Report

091913:3.1 The Clerk reported that Hope International Church of Arcadia requested by letter that Rev. Gary Stevens be placed on loan to the Harrison Square Presbyterian Church of Centralia, Washington as an interim pastor in the PCUSA for a period of two years. Classis **approved the request** and the Synodical deputies **concurred**.

091913:3.2 The clerk reported that All Nations Church of Lake View Terrace by their Classical Credential and an email requested that Rev. David Lee be placed on loan as the pastor in Mars Hill Church West Seattle Campus, in Seattle, Washington for a period of two years. Classis **approved** the request and the Synodical deputies **concurred**.

091913:3.3 The clerk reported that the calling churches of Rev. J.J. Yoo and Rev. James (Rok) Lee requested their “eligibility for call” status to be extended by one year since they are in the process of renewing their ties with calling churches in Classis GLA.

091913:4 Motion to adjourn was supported and carried. Tae Kim closed in prayer.