

# Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018 8:30 AM**

Hosted by Bethany CRC, Bellflower, CA

President: Brent Wassink Vice-President: Mirtha Villafane Clerk: Cindi Fairchild  
Synodical Deputies: Will Verhoef, Marc Hofman and John Greydanus via Skype

**05082018: 1 Opening and Devotions:** Melvin and April Jackson led the meeting in singing and devotions.

**05082018: 2 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing:** The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. 16 out of 26 Established Churches attended the meeting. Seven of the 12 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The President welcomed Fernando del Rosario, Becky Vanderzee, the Synodical Deputies as well as Aaron Solomon-Mills and Rev. Dr. Enoch Jinsik Kim. Three first time delegates signed the Office Bearer's covenant.

Established Church	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	<i>Absent</i>	Gary Cordova	
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafane		
Arcadia Hope International			
Artesia, First	<i>Absent</i>		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Richard Hoeksema	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Tom Byma	Annie Biggs
Bellflower, Bethany	Jim Kuiper, Lon Wagner		
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	<i>Absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Bonny Mulder-Behnia, Fernando Valencia		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>		
Burbank, Bethany	<i>Absent</i>		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC	Ricardo Aragon	Gilbert Nava	
Covina, The Bridge	Saejung Paul Chang		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	Matt Ford		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Tae Kim		
Long Beach	Brent Wassink	Marv Salie	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community	<i>Absent</i>		

Los Angeles, Church of Joy	<i>Absent</i>		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		
Ordot Chalan Pago, Guam Faith Church	Tom Van Engen		
Monterey Park, Chinese			
Santa Fe Springs, Together Community			
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		Kathy Klaasen
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le	Kim Phan/Tu Hun	
<b><u>Emerging Church</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor</u></b>	<b><u>Parenting Church</u></b>	
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	<i>Absent</i>	Anaheim CRC	
Artesia, City Church	<i>Absent</i>	Bethany Bellflower	
Bellflower, Ethnos	Tomas Ivens	Anaheim, Latin American	
Cerritos, Heaven Bound	<i>Absent</i>	Rosewood, Bellflower	
Fountain Valley, Emanuelu Samoan	Fatu Auau	FoL Fountain Valley	
Los Angeles, Grace Unlimited Fellowship	Melvin Jackson	L. A. Community	
Rosemead, Sky City Church	Charles Ho	Hope International	
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	Ernesto Mejia	Latin American	
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean	

05082018:2.1 Carl Kromminga, Zach Vandenberg and Mirtha Villafane agreed to act as the Church Credential Communications Committee.

### **05082018: 3 World Renew Presentation**

05082018: 3.1 Becky Vanderzee shared that funding for World Renew is by donations only and receives no ministry shares. Each church is unique and World Renew has many working projects available. For more information contact Becky Vanderzee at [beckyvanderzee@gmail.com](mailto:beckyvanderzee@gmail.com).

### **05082018: 4 Calvin College Presentation**

05082018: 4.1 Fernando del Rosario shared a short video about Calvin College and stated that Calvin College is owned by the CRC and supported by ministry shares. Fernando encouraged families to send their college aged students to Calvin College. Calvin College will become a University in 2020.

### **05082018: 5 Classical Leadership Team (CLT) and Stated Clerk Reports**

#### **05082018: 5:1**

#### **I. Items for Approval**

##### **Proposed Policy for Terms of Service on Classis GLA Ministry**

1. Persons will be approved by Classis for 3-year terms.
2. Teams will see to it that the terms of their members are staggered.
3. Persons willing to serve additional terms will be endorsed by their team and approved by Classis.

4. When a chairpersons or secretaries enter their final year of service, they will mentor their replacement during that year.

5. Administrative process:

- a. Each year in January, the stated clerk will provide the chair of each team with a list of team member which shows the year of their 3 year term each members is in.
- b. The chair will distribute this list to the team for its first meeting of the calendar year.
- c. If new team members will be needed by January of the following year, the team will inform Classis of this—preferably at its February meeting and no later than its May meeting.
- d. New team members will be presented for Classis approval at its October Meeting.

#### Grounds

1. Persons will be clear about the length of a ministry team commitment, may feel freer to explore other service options, and may have more varied service opportunities.
2. Classis will be more aware of whom is serving where, have increased confidence that leaders of teams are prepared for their tasks, have added opportunity to suggest or solicit ministry team members, and may benefit from the addition of team members with new ideas and the subtraction of team members serving without energy because they feel stuck.

\* This policy does not apply to staff members of ministry teams, since serving on teams relevant

to their area of service is part of their job. The motion was **made, supported** and **approved**.

CLT requests that Aaron Solomon-Mills be approved as the Stated Clerk effective June 1, 2018. This motion was **made, supported** and **approved**.

CLT requests that classis thank Cindi Fairchild for her faithful service as Stated Clerk for Classis GLA and pray for God's presence and strength to her and her family members. This motion was **made, supported** and **approved**. Mirtha Villafane, Gary Cordova and Rick Westra prayed over Cindi. Cindi thanked classis for the time she was able to serve as the Stated Clerk and shared the joy that the work brought as well as seeing old friends and making new ones.

#### **05082018: 5.1 Stated Clerk Report**

Clerk Communications January 25, 2018 to April 1, 2018

1. **Received:** From: Ron Chu, Preaching Seminar Information (Feb 2)
2. From: Ron Chu, Preaching Seminar Corrected Info (Feb 9)
3. From Synod. Services Office, Denom Boards Info (Feb 13)
4. From: Alison Jones, Eligibility of Call Ext Request (Feb 16)
5. From Dir. of Candidacy Office, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
6. From: Larry Fryling, Stated Clerk Cl. Central, Comm. from Cl. Central (Feb 21)
7. From: Denise Tamminga, Camp Dunamis materials (March 2)
8. From: CRCNA Pension Office, Retirement info for Saejung Paul Chang (March 5)
9. From: Synodical Services, Council of Delegates Highlights (March 6)

10. From: Ron Chu, Timothy Leadership Training Information (March 17)

**Sent:**

1. To: GLA and CA South Pastors, Preaching Seminar Information (Feb 2)
2. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Preaching Sem. Corrected Info (Feb 9)
3. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
4. To: Synod Deputies for Feb 27 classis mtg, Art. 8 Faith Lim materials (Feb 21)
5. To: GLA Pastors, Synodical Deputy position email (March 1)
6. To: Synod 2018 Delegates, Information materials (March 1)
7. To: Dee Recker, Synodical Deputy approval forms from Feb 27 mtg (March 1)
8. To: GLA churches, Camp Dunamis materials (March 2)
9. To: CRCNA Pension Office, request for info for Saejung Paul Chang (March 1)
10. To: Saejung Paul Change, Retirement Info requested (March 5)
11. To: GLA churches and pastors, Council of Delegates Highlights (March 6)
12. To: GLA churches, Timothy Leadership Training Information (March 19)
13. To: GLA churches and Denom offices, Feb 27, 2018 Classis Mins (March 21)
14. To: Synod Services and Yearbook Offices, Faith Lim ordination info (March 22)

**ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

Credentials for Myo Sook Cho have been transferred to L.A. Global Mission in Classis Ko-Am.

05082018: 5:2 The motion was made to accept and approve the Clerk's Communication. This motion was **supported** and **approved**.

## CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

<b>Classis GLA Ministry Teams 2018</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>			
<i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>			
Julius Umawing	suiluj64@yahoo.com	Leader	
Carl Kromminga	newcitylb@juno.com	Secretary	
Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Ron Chu			
Katie VenHuizen			
Lon Wagner			
<b>Classical Credentialing Team - CCT</b>			

<u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u>			
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader	
Matt Ford			
Fernando Valencia			
<b>Classical Leadership Team - CLT</b>			
<u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u>			
David Haberbush	dhaberbush@lbinsolvency.com	Leader	
Cindi Fairchild	cindif@crministrycenter.net	Clerk	
David Kong		Staff	
Mario Perez		Staff	
Julius Umawing		Staff	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Dan Brink			
Melvin Jackson			
Peter Kang			
Tae Kim			
Brent Wassink			
Rick Westra			
<b>Church Empowerment &amp; Networking Team – CENT</b>			
<u>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</u>			
Tomas Ivens	ivenstomas@yahoo.com	Leader	
Jim Kuiper	jkuiper@bethanycrc.org	Secretary	
David Kong		CLT Liaison	Korean Liaison
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Ron Chu			
Joel Van Soelen			
<b>Finance Team FT</b>			
<u>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</u>			
Jim Zoetewey		Leader	
Goldene Byma	classistreasurer@hotmail.com	Treasurer	
Don Mulder		Secretary	
Rich Hoeksema			

<b>GLA STAFF</b>	
David Kong	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer, Korean Liaison
Julius Umawing	Regional Pastor/Peer Relations Developer
Mirtha Villafane	Hispanic Ministry Developer

**05082018: 6 Church Empowerment & Networking Team (CENT) Report**

05082018: 6.1 Tomas shared about Fan the Flame 2018 being planned for September 15 at First Bellflower with a cost of \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 for a church group. Rev Michael Mata will be the main speaker with the topic of “Community Engagement”.

05082018: 6.2 A training on Social Media is being planned. If interested, contact Tomas Ivens at [ivenstomas@yahoo.com](mailto:ivenstomas@yahoo.com) for more information and to sign up for the training.

05082018: 6.3 The CENT team requested Pastor Chris Choe become a new member in the CENT team for the following term. The motion was **made, supported** and **approved**.

**05082018: 7 Leadership Development Team (LDT)**

05082018: 7.1 Julius Umawing introduced Mario Perez, Youth Champion for Classes GLA and CA South. Mario shared that Camp Dunamis is June 17-22, 2018 and the deadline for early bird sign up is May 15. Mario also shared that the beauty of diversity in God’s church is very present at Camp Dunamis.

05082018: 7.2 Ron Chu shared the **Timothy Leadership Training (TLT)** will be holding a four-day training session scheduled for **May 15-18, 2018** at Ttokamsa Mission Church, 1440 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. For inquiries on how to register and other information, contact Ron Chu at [pastorronchu@gmail.com](mailto:pastorronchu@gmail.com)

05082018: 7.3 Mirtha Villafane shared about the MINTS Spanish Leadership Training program and that it can lead to a BA degree and ordination as commissioned pastor in the CRC. For questions about the MINTS program, contact Mirtha Villafane at [mwillafane21@yahoo.com](mailto:mwillafane21@yahoo.com).

**05082018: 8 Coffee Break**

**05082018: 9 Classis Credentialing Team Report**

05082018: 9.1 The CCT made the motion to approve the job description for Aaron Solomon-Mills as Commissioned Pastor and Ministry Coordinator. The motion was **made, supported** and **approved by the Synodical Deputies**.

05082018: 9.2 The CCT made the motion to proceed with the classical examination of Aaron Solomon-Mills on the grounds that he has met the requirements set by classis for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor. This motion was **made, supported and approved**. Rev. Matt Ford conducted the doctrinal conversation after which the delegates asked further questions.

05082018: 9.3 Executive session was called. The motion to declare Aaron Solomon-Mills eligible for call as a Commissioned Pastor in the Christian Reformed Church according to Church Order Article 23, with First CRC of Bellflower as his calling church was **made, supported and approved**. Zach Vandenberg and several members of First Bellflower prayed over Aaron.

05082018: 9.4 The CCT made the motion to proceed with the colloquium doctum for Rev. Dr. Enoch Jinsik Kim on the grounds that permission has been granted by the Synodical Ministerial Candidacy Committee. This motion was **made, supported and approved**. Rev. Rick Westra conducted the doctrinal conversation after which the delegates asked further questions.

05082018:9.5 Executive session was called. The motion to declare Rev. Dr. Enoch Jinsik Kim eligible for call as Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the Christian Reformed Church with All Nations CRC as his calling church was **made, supported and approved**. Tae Kim prayed over Aaron.

### **05082018: 10 Church Credentialing Communications to Classis**

05082018: 10.1 Faith Church, Guam requests assistance from classis for financial giving using “e- giving systems”. If you have an experience with this, please contact Tom Van Engen at [pastortve@gmail.com](mailto:pastortve@gmail.com).

05082018: 10.2 Little Saigon, Westminster is asking that delegates visit with their Council. CLT will follow up with Little Saigon regarding this request.

05082018: 10.3 New City Church gave an update on Sam Lee and his church plant, Living Well in El Monte. The 2 yr agreement with Hanmi came to an end. Sam is still hoping to plant a church in Alhambra. Sam is currently working with the pastor of Church of the Southland in Orange county, who is mentoring Sam as a church planter. Sam and his wife attend a small group in Alhambra. He will be meeting with the council of New City CRC on a regular basis.

### **05082018: 11 Renew Week**

05082018: 11.1 Bonny Mulder-Behnia shared that Renew Week is for young people, ages 14-21 and will be held at Rosewood in July 2018. Bonny encouraged churches to send a leader and participants to Renew Week. Contact Bonny at [bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com](mailto:bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com) for more information.

**05082018: 12 Lunch and Closing**

05082018: 11.1 The motion was made, supported and approved to adjourn the classis meeting.

**Next Classis meeting:**

**October 30, 2018 – Location to be determined**