

Classis Greater Los Angeles

of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th 8:30 AM

Hosted by LA Community Church, Los Angeles, CA

President: Joel Van Soelen Vice-President: Melvin Jackson Clerk: Aaron Solomon-Mills
Synodical Deputies: Jonathan Kim, Roger Ryu and Cor Pool

10302018: 1 Opening and Devotions: On behalf of the CENT Team, Tomas Ivens led in a time of testimony, prayer and worship focused around

10302018: 2 Introductions, Credentials and Covenant Signing: The Stated Clerk collected the credentials and took the roll of churches present. 15 out of 26 Established Churches attended the meeting. 6 of the 12 emerging congregations attended the meeting. The President welcomed Becky Vanderzee, the Synodical Deputies as well as Rachel Beveridge, Benn Katt, Kevin Adams, Kirsten Rietkerk, Joe Oh, and Eric Phillips from LA Community Church. Eight first time delegates signed the Office Bearer's covenant.

Established Church	Pastor	Elder	Deacon
Anaheim	Joel Van Soelen	Rick Van Duren	Paul Van Dyk
Anaheim Latin American	Mirtha Villafane	Priscilliano Sanchez/ Petra Reyna	
Arcadia Hope International			
Artesia, First	<i>Absent</i>		
Artesia, Trinity	Rick Westra	Dave Lightenberg	
Bellflower, First	Zachary Vandenberg	Tom Kornoelje Charles Kundan	Annie Biggs
Bellflower, Bethany	Jim Kuiper, Lon Wagner	Dave Dyer	
Bellflower, God's Grace Christian	<i>Absent</i>		
Bellflower, Rosewood	Dan Brink		
Buena Park, Grace Christian Fellowship	<i>Absent</i>		
Burbank, Bethany	Soo Min Bang, SunHo Bae		
Camarillo, Iglesia CRC		Gilbert Nava Miguel Nava	
Covina, The Bridge	<i>Absent</i>		
Fountain Valley, Fountain of Life	<i>Absent</i>		
Lake View Terrace, All Nations	Rich Kim		

Long Beach		Jeff Struiksma Jeff Brower	
Long Beach, New City	Carl Kromminga	Tim Cordova	
Los Angeles, Community		Maddie Young	
Los Angeles, Church of Joy	<i>Absent</i>		
Los Angeles, Ttokamsa Mission	Ron Chu		
Ordot Chalan Pago, Guam Faith Church	<i>Absent</i>		
Monterey Park, Chinese	<i>Absent</i>		
Santa Fe Springs, Together Community			
Sun Valley, Bethel	Micah Bruxvoort, Julius Umawing		
Westminster, Little Saigon	Matthew Le		
<u>Emerging Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Parenting Church</u>	
Anaheim, Bridge of Hope	<i>Absent</i>	Anaheim CRC	
Artesia, City Church	Eric Sarwar	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	<i>Absent</i>	Hope International	
Santa Ana, Hispano Americana	<i>Absent</i>	Latin American	
Santa Clarita Valley Community Church	David Kong	Bethany Korean	

10302018:2.1 Julius Umawing, Zach Vandenberg and Mirtha Villafane agreed to act as the Church Credential Communications Committee.

10302018: 3 Classical Leadership (CLT) and Clerk Reports

10302018: 3.1

I. Item for Approval

Approve the transfer of Bethany Korean Church , Rev. Samuel Soomin Bang, Rev. Kang Il Yong (retired pastor), Rev. Kwon HyukSoo (loan pastor), Rev. Sunho Bae (missionary) to Classis Hanmi

1. Bethany Korean has requested this permission for the convenience of language and culture.
2. Classis Hanmi has sent a letter welcoming Bethany Korean Church and its ministers.
3. This would not become an official move until it is officially voted on at Synod 2019
4. This is done by way of an overture approved by the two classes and sent to synod pending approval today

This motion was **made, supported**

10302018: 3.2 Friendly amendment discussion

Loan pastor Rev. Kwon HyukSoo was removed from this motion as he is not under the supervision of Classis GLA

10302018: 3.3 **Item for Approval**

Approve the transfer of Bethany Korean Church, Rev. Samuel Soomin Bang, Rev. Kang Il Yong (retired pastor), Rev. Sunho Bae (missionary) to Classis Hanmi

This motion was **made, supported**, and **approved**

10302018: 3.4 **Item for Information**

An interim committee granted supervision of Rev. Hee Kyu Park to Springing Fountain CRC in Anaheim of Classis Hanmi

10302018: 4 Stated Clerk Report

10302018: 4.1

Clerk Communications April 2 to August 30, 2018

Received:

1. From: Hope International CRC, Ecc Cred request for Myo Sook Cho (March 29)
2. From: Hope International CRC, Letter of Call for Faith Lim (May 25)

Sent:

1. To: Theodore Lim, Stated Clerk for Cl. Ko-Am, Ecc. Cred for Myo Sook Cho (April 11)
2. To: GLA Pastors, Elders/Deacons and Denom Offices, Agenda for May 8 (April 11)
3. To: GLA Pastors, Elders/Deacons, Exam materials for May 8 classis mtg (April 18)
4. To: GLA Pastors, Elders/Deacons, COD Highlight May 2018 (May 10)
5. To: GLA Pastors, Churches, Elders/Deacons, New Stated Clerk Contact Info (May 24)
6. To: GLA Pastors, Churches, Elders/Deacons, Minutes of May 8, 2018 (May 29)
7. To: Denom offices, Minutes of May 8, 2018 Classis GLA mtg (May 29)

Clerk Communications June 3rd to October 30, 2018

Received:

1. From: Sae Jung Chang, retirement information (June 10)
2. From: Paul Im Classis Hanmi, Transfer of supervision Rev Hee Kuy Park (Sep 6)
3. From Paul Im Classis Hanmi, Welcome letter to Bethany Korean (Oct 16)
4. From: Cassie Beadle, COD Highlights (Oct 24)

Sent:

1. To: GLA Pastors, Synodical Deputy needed (June 1)
2. To: Dee Recker, Sae Jung Chang, retirement info request (June 12)
3. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Urgent prayer Sid Sybenga (June 19)
4. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Sid Sybenga update (June 21)
5. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Brent Wassink Update (Aug 20)
6. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Fan the Flame (Sep 4 & Sep 13)
7. To: GLA Churches, Concert invite from Eric Sarwar (Sep 18)
8. To: Paul Im Classis Hanmi, Transfer of supervision Rev Hee Kuy Park (Oct 15)
9. To: GLA Pastors and churches, Spanish Leadership Institute of Ministry (Oct 17)
10. To: GLA Pastors and churches, COD Highlights (Oct 27)

10302018: 4:2 Item for Information

Annette Biggs (First Christian Reformed Church of Bellflower) will be working closely with GLA churches as a Safe Church champion to help churches develop sustainable Safe Church policies and best practices.

CLASSIS TEAMS & TEAM MEMBERS

Classis GLA Ministry Teams 2018			
<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>			
Leadership Development Team - LDT			
<i><u>Develops and oversees training, retreats, and scholarships for leaders</u></i>			
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Mirtha Villafane		staff	
Ron Chu			
Katie VenHuizen			
Lon Wagner			
Classical Credentialing Team - CCT			
<i><u>oversees the credentialing processes for examinations for ordination</u></i>			
Rick Westra	rwestra@mac.com	Leader	
Matt Ford			
Fernando Valencia			
Classical Leadership Team - CLT			
<i><u>Oversees the ministries of Classis and organizes Classis meetings</u></i>			
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David Kong		Staff	
Mario Perez		Staff	
Julius Umawing		Staff	
Mirtha Villafane		Staff	
Dan Brink			
Melvin Jackson			
Peter Kang			
Rick Westra			

Church Empowerment & Networking Team – CENT		
<i>Oversees and promotes evangelism and church planting in the Classis</i>		
Tomas Ivens	ivenstomas@yahoo.com	Leader
Jim Kuiper	jkuiper@bethanycrc.org	Secretary
David Kong		CLT Liaison
Mirtha Villafane		Korean Liaison
Ron Chu		Staff
Joel Van Soelen		
Finance Team FT		
<i>Develops and oversees the budget of Classis</i>		
Jim Zoetewey		Leader
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Don Mulder		Secretary
Rich Hoeksema		

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

10302018: 5 CENT Team Report

10302018: 5.1 Rev Mirtha Villafane discussed the SLIM Training event for those who are in the ordination process or wish to be ordained as pastors in the Christian Reformed Church (took place on October `18th, 19th, 20th. Rev Tomas Ivens reiterated that the CENT team is here to serve if GLA churches have a vision to plant.

10302018: 6 LDT (Leadership Development Training) Report

10302018: 6.1 Rev Julius Umawing highlighted the availability of scholarships for leadership training events for church leaders. Applications are available at www.classisgl.org and are submitted to Bill Postma

10302018: 6.2 Denise Tamminga and Mario Perez gave a report on Camp Dunamis noting that all churches need is a point person to get kids plugged in. At Camp Dunamis, kids grow in relationship with Christ and grapple with racial reconciliation. Several others gave testimony about God's work in and through Camp Dunamis.

10302018: 6.3 Rev Fatu Auau spoke about S.E.A.P.I presence in the classis with 6 churches and urged continued support for this important people group in GLA – specifically noting travel to Tennessee as an upcoming prayer and financial need.

10302018: 7 World Renew Ministry Update Becky Vanderzee

05082018: 7.1 Becky introduced Joe Oh and Tomas Ivens as World Renew staff members. Becky Emphasized that there are tons of opportunities in disaster relief with recent hurricanes in the US. World Renew is not funded by ministry shares, and therefore is reliant on donations and special offerings. Becky highlighted the opportunity for people to visit any of the disaster relief areas, or to get plugged in via the advent calendar, which is available on the website.

10302018: 8 Resonate Ministry Update – Ben Katt & Rachel Beveridge

10302018: 8.1 Ben Katt shared the ministry pillars of Resonate (campus ministry, coaching resourcing, continuing to establish clarity after Home Mission/ World Mission fusion and help churches to support global missions)

10302018: 8.2 Rachel Beveridge (Guatemala missionary) shared about a one year formational experience for young adults 18-30 in Central/ South American missions. Rachel is also looking for supporting churches

10302018: 8.3 Ben Katt encouraged Classis GLA concerning the changing landscape of the church, and the need for adaptation of leadership to respond to these changes. Mirtha Villafane and Ben Katt are available as coaches/ consultants towards these and other issues, and concluded with encouragement to bring conversations about change to the forefront.

10302018: 9 Coffee Break

1032018: 10 Classis Credentialing Team Report

10302018: 10.1 Executive session was called, and the motion was made for the Article 17a removal of Rev. Jim Kuiper from the Bethany CRC Church. After discussion, this motion was **made, supported and approved.** Rev. Dan Brink and Rev. Rick Westra led the executive session in prayer for Rev. Kuiper and his family and for Bethany CRC

10302018: 10.2 Rev. Rick Westra introduced guests from Latin American CRC, and informed that Sam Bang would be interviewed at the February meeting. Rev. Westra also informed the classis delegates that Cerritos Mission Church has voted to affiliate with the Christian Reformed Church.

10302018: 11 Finance Team Report/ Budget Approval

10302018: 11.1 Carl Kromminga presented the treasurers report and budget on behalf of the finance team.

10302018: 11.2 A motion to approve the treasurers report was **made supported and approved**

10302018: 11.3 A motion to approve the 2019 budget with \$61 ministry shares was **made, supported and approved**

10302018: 12 Credentialing Team Communications to Classis

10302018: 12.1 The council of Long Beach CRC wishes to acknowledge Rev. Brent Wassink and thank him for his several years of service to LBCRC with distinction

10302018: 12.2 New City Long Beach will bring Tim Cordova for Article 23 examination to the February meeting.

10302018: 12.3 The council of New City Long Beach requests that the classis approve Rev. Carl Kromminga's request for retirement effective 01302019 due to age. The motion to approve Rev. Kromminga's retirement was **made, supported and approved**

10302018: 12.4 Long Beach CRC gave an update on their pulpit vacancy and inquired about classis assistance with the cost for pulpit supply

10302018: 12.5 Rev. Chris Choe (All Nations Church) announced that he is planning a move to South Korea

10302018: 13 Lunch and Closing

10302018: 13.1 The motion was made, supported and approved to adjourn the classis meeting.

Next Classis meeting:

February 26 – Location to be determined