

## CLASSIS NEWS:

- \*Rev. Henry Lengkeek accepted a call to Fresno.
- \*Rev. Charles Kim, of Ttokamsa Mission Church, was called to serve as the CRC/Home Missions Korean Ministries Director.
- \*Rev. Mirtha Villafane returned to her Hispanic Ministry Development position in CalSouth and GLA. Tomas Ivens is serving as the pastor in the Latin American CRC.
- \*First CRC of Bellflower installed their new pastor Rev. Zachary Vandenberg January 12. Welcome.
- \*Rev. Sid Sybenga was chosen by CRC Home Missions to be the West Coast coordinator.
- \*Rev. Erick Westra is getting married April 26.
- \*Ttokamsa CRC is sending Rev. Charles Oh to the Philippines to serve as a missionary in February.

**CROSS CONNECTIONS** is a youth led next generation gospel celebration on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, at Valley Christian High School. Through the cross we are connected to Christ and to each other, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Come, worship and encourage the next generation church for the glory of God. Pastor Matt Ford will be preaching from John 12:20-33. Communion will be served. The help of area pastors and elders is needed to serve communion. Please email Joel Van Soelen - [pastor@anaheimcrc.org](mailto:pastor@anaheimcrc.org) - if your church is willing to help. Better Together.

**CRC HOME MISSIONS:** CRHM.org has some great resources for churches in mission. Check this one out on Hospitality:  
<http://www2.crcna.org/site/uploads/uploads/crhm/Watwedo/newchurches/hospitality%20as%20normative.pdf.pdf>

## CLASSIS GLA EVENT CALENDAR

RCA-CRC MEETING: February 19, 2014  
Visioning for Church Planting GLA February 20 10 AM  
CLASSIS MEETING: February 25, 2014 Fountain Valley  
CENT meeting March 4 6 PM CRC Ministry Center.  
CLT meeting March 13 12:45 PM New City Church  
CARE AND KINDNESS CONFERENCE March 21,22  
LDT meeting April 1 11AM

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Send your outreach and evangelism stories to [glaclerkss@gmail.com](mailto:glaclerkss@gmail.com) for inclusion in the GLA newsletter.

## MOVING INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

One of the biggest challenges Christian Reformed Churches face is learning how to meaningfully and fully participate in our communities and neighborhoods. The missional network [www.themissionalnetwork.com/](http://www.themissionalnetwork.com/) has been a great help for churches learning how to connect to their neighborhoods. Check out their **Moving Into the Neighborhood** and their **Hospitality** workbooks. The article by Dr. Craig Van Gelder and some of their great MBiN videos at the above website are worth a visit.

## CARE AND KINDNESS CONFERENCE:

Bethany CRC, Bellflower, will be hosting a Care and Kindness Conference on March 21 and 22, 2014. The Key note speaker will be Dr. James Kok, author and founder of Care and Kindness Ministries. Anyone who cares for and about others is encouraged to join us! For a brochure including workshop descriptions and a registration form can contact Bethany Church at (562) 866-1812 ex. 221 or e-mail [office@bethanycrc.org](mailto:office@bethanycrc.org).

**RESOURCES:** N.T. Wright's lecture "The Big Picture: The New Testament and the Mission of God", part of the Missional Reading of Scripture Conference sponsored by Calvin Theological Seminary is online at <http://vimeo.com/80489131>.

**LEAD** teams can apply for Peer Learning grants. The deadline for a peer learning grant is May 1, 2014. <http://www2.crcna.org/pages/spe.cfm>

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## DOES LA NEED MORE CHURCHES?

Check out <http://www.stadia.cc/2014/la-movement/3564/>