

CLASSIS GREATER LOS ANGELES (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 (LDN)
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

OUR COVENANT

As a Christian Reformed congregation, we are committed to the GLA Purpose, Way and Goals.

This commitment means at least the following:

We will actively participate in the business and examination meetings of Classis ¹,
we will pray for and serve in Classis ministries according to our God-given gifts & passions ²,
and we will share in the financial cost of CRC ministry according to Classis guidelines ³.

By order of the Council (or Steering Committee),

_____, president

_____, clerk

_____, date ⁴

¹ Classis GLA ordinarily has 5 such meetings per year (Sept, Oct, Feb, Apr, May).

² Classis GLA has 6 ministry teams and various ministry and training opportunities (see under GLA GOALS above).

³ Emerging and newly established churches begin with giving 2% of their general giving toward ministry shares and progress to 10%. Long established churches agree to pay Classical ministry shares (\$60 per adult professing member in 2008) and denominational ministry shares annually according to the denominational formula. Additional information, examples, and variations are described in the Classis GLA *Welcome* booklet on pages 26 – 28, which can be found at www.classisgla.org under Classis Documents.

⁴ If for any reason we are unable to keep our commitments, we will explain this in writing to the Classical Leadership team through the stated clerk.