

Minutes

Classis California South Location: CrossPoint Church

Thursday, October 13, 2016,

Chairman of the Day: Dae Woo Park, Vice Chair: Rev. Jimmy Haan, Stated Clerk: Mr. Rudy Gonzalez

1. Rev Clay Libolt and worship leader Tim Vande Griend led our opening devotion, worship time and a time of prayer in small groups.
2. Chairman Dae Woo Park calls the meeting to order
 - a. Stated Clerk Rudy Gonzalez had delegates sign in as they arrived and instructs the Chairman that there are enough delegates to proceed. The delegates are then asked to introduce themselves to the classis assembly.
 - Delegates from organized churches

City	Church	Pastor	Elders	Deacons
Chino	CrossPoint	Clay Libolt	John Voortman	Cindy Lower, Norma Ydeen
City of Orange	Korean-American	John Seho Oh		
Diamondbar	Good News	Jimmy Han		
Fontana	El Sembrador	John H. Caidcedo		
Fullerton	Orange Korean		Absent	
Fullerton	Faith Community			
La Puente	Hanaro		Absent	
Las Vegas	Areumdawoon	Daewoo Park		
Moreno Valley	Oasis Community		Absent	
Las Vegas	Grace Valley		Absent	
Las Vegas	Yung Kwang		Absent	
Redlands	The River	Scott Elgersma	Nick In't Hout	Mary De Waard.
Riverside	Hope Community	Roger Bultman	Ron Glass	Daryl Switzer
San Diego	Trinity	Vacant	Shirley Turner	
San Marcos	Camino Al Cielo		Ruben Aguilar	
San Diego	Living Faith	Joe Nasvytis		
	Community Church			
San Marcos	CrossRoads	Charley Blom	Arlan Vandenbos	
	Community Church		Mike Vanderpol	
Santa Ana	Hmong		Inactive	
Westminster	Korean CRC		Absent	

- Representatives from emerging churches: Rudy Gonzalez, Sovereign Grace Community, Perris CA
 - b. First time delegates were asked to sign the form of subscription
 - c. Motion was made by Scott Elgersma to seat interim pastors Charley Blom as San Marcos pastor delegate, Clay Libolt as CrossPoint pastor delegate, and Roger Bultman as Hope pastor delegate, the motion was supported and carried.
3. **Business**
 - a. The chairman announced that the Board of Trustees was in search of a board delegate from area 6 and asked for nominations from the floor. The chairman requested a Korean person as requested by the denominational correspondence. Rev. Scott Elgersma inquired of Rev. Jimmy Haan to consider being nominated but he indicated that he was not able at this point. No nomination was submitted by our classis.
 - b. CET moved that in honor of Pastor Balderas motioned "We celebrate and rejoice with Pastor Balderas for his years of ministry in the CRC. To honor him in his we retirement we propose to grant him emeritus status as a Commissioned Pastor so that he can continue to do the official acts of ministry" Motion was supported and carried.

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- c. CET moves that the following Church Councilors be assigned to churches designated as vacant. CET moved that the whole list be approved as one motion. The motion was supported and carried for the following counselors
 - Cor Pool: Grace Valley, Las Vegas
 - Ray Homes: Oasis Community Church. Moreno Valley
 - Harold Caicido: Camino Al Cielo, San Marcos
 - Scott Elgersma: CrossPoint, Chino
 - John Portenga: CrossRoads, San Marcos
 - Will Verhoef, Hope, Riverside
 - Lou Wagenveld, Trinity, San Diego
 - Phil Dubios, Hanaro, La Puente; Yung Kwang, Las Vegas
- d. Church Reports
 - Cross Roads San Marcos
 1. Arlan Vandebos reported that the San Marcos council had approved Rev. Mark Vermaire being "On Loan" to the American Protestant Church of the Hague, Netherlands for not more than two years and requests approval of the classis under article 13c. This motion requires the approval of Synodical Deputies and Rev. Will Verhoef reports that synodical deputies concur without being present. The motion by Arlan Vandebos to loan Mark Vermiere to the American Protestant Church in the Hague for a period of not more than two years is supported and carries.
 2. The request for a counselor was moved by CET and approved by classis Rev. John Portenga will be their counselor
 3. Arlene reports that Charley Blom is their interim pastor. He is welcomed at classis.
 - Cross Point
 1. John Vortman reports that their council has secured Clay Libolt as their interim pastor. He reports that they have a search committee and are happy with the progress in narrowing down candidates.
 2. Rev Tim Spykstra has received a call from Christ CRC in Westminster, Colorado and requests his credential be transferred to Classis Rocky Mountain. The River CRC of Redlands currently holds his credentials. A motion is made to transfer the credentials of Rev. Spykstra to Classis Rocky Mountain. The motion is supported and carried.
 3. Trinity Fellowship: Lou Wagenveld requests Shirley Turner an elder delegate for Trinity read his report. The report and Shirley indicate a desire by the Trinity council to call a pastor but an unwillingness to agree to the recommendations made by the previous church counselor, Rev. Mark Vermaire. The report was presented for information and the clerk Rudy Gonzalez reported that the counselor and the CET would need to develop specific recommendations for assisting the Trinity council in calling a pastor even as they maintain a non-negotiable stance on the Rev Mark Vermaire recommendations. Lou Wagenveld will work with CET and bring recommendations to the next classis meeting in the spring.

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4. Grace Valley, Las Vegas - Cor Pool reports via email: Still searching for a new pastor. They are having conversations with someone who is interested. Please continue to pray for them. Grace Valley was not able to have representation at Classis today.
- e. Financial Report
 - Dave De Koekoek, treasurer requested that Classis appoint Ted Mejan as the Classis treasurer effective October 13, 2016 and Dave De Koekoek be approved as the Vice treasurer. Scott Elgersma made the motion in support of Dave De Koekoek's request. The motion was supported and carried.
 - The treasurer distributed the budget for 2017 and it was discussed on the floor. Scott Elgersma raised a concern that the Evangelist Training program overseen by Rev. Al Breems has been funded for a while but there was no regular reporting. Rev Elgersma moved that Rev. Breems provide a written report for each classis meeting. The motion was supported and carried.
- f. The clerk announced the 500 Year Anniversary of the Reformation and sought input and inquiry from the floor. A few delegates commented that they had heard about it and that there might be events in their community. Lou Wagenveld had asked that Classis inquire about a possible event but no one moved for an event.
4. **Lunch:** Rev Jimmy Haan acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Caicido and a few ladies from the El Sembrador Church for preparing and serving lunch.
5. **Reports from Denominational Guests**
 - a. Eudell Vis gave a brief update on DRS volunteer opportunities and the increased requests for disaster response support throughout the US and abroad.
 - b. Kristen Rietkerk presented a brief workshop on working with youth and young adults. It was an engaging presentation that went along with the extended conversation by other classis leaders.
6. **Conversation on Classis Leadership and Young Adults**
 - a. Rev. Jimmy Haan presented a video in of an interview with the worship leader of his congregation. The video gave insight into what this young person found engaging and repelling in the church. The message of the video seemed to indicate that older pastors assume they will be heard because of being pastors. While most young people only listen if they are being heard.
 - b. Rev. Scott interviewed Nick In'tHout newly appointed Discipleship & Family Life Pastor who had similar comments
 - c. In small groups people were asked to reflect on the conversations and making meaning for ministry in their own context. Groups did not come up with any specific recommendations but thought the time was helpful to understand the diverse perspectives between generations.
7. Chairman Rev. Dae Woo Park adjourned the meeting with thanks to the host church. Rev. Jimmy Han asked for closing time in prayer. The meeting was concluded at 3 pm.