

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING 2019 CLASSIS MEETING

1. Chaplain Jeff Liou was the guest facilitator during our morning session for Cultural Intelligence Training. Jeff is a Chaplain at The Claremont Colleges in Claremont, CA. Religious communities are faced with many opportunities and challenges due to our increasingly diverse world. Jeff talked about the culture of the new creation where the whole of humanity is the fully developed image of God. He shared how the culture in which you were raised is significant for eternity. Cultural Intelligence (CQ) is your ability to succeed in an environment where you have to cross cultures. Jeff highlighted the four components of CQ: drive, knowledge, strategy and action. We reviewed some case studies and had some round table group discussions and interaction on cultural values.
2. Several people shared inspirational stories of ministries within our classis where they see God at work: Rudy Gonzalez, Patrick Guarracino, Lewis Kim, Phillip Lee.
3. Delegates to Synod 2019: Minister Delegate: Rev. Andy Hanson; Elder Delegate: Mr. Phil Du Bois; Deacon Delegate: Ms. Irma Rivera; Other Officebearer: Rev. Yun Jin Kim.
4. Lightning Round Presentations:
  - a. Round 1: Bert Block – Great Bible Truths Project
  - b. Round 2: Albert Kae – Safe Church Ministry
  - c. Round 3: Ben Katt – Resonate Global Mission, Western US Regional Leader
  - d. Round 4: Mario Perez – Youth Champion/Camp Dunamis
  - e. Round 5: Scott Elgersma – Classis Vision Team
5. Examined, received and welcomed Ray Nottke as Commissioned Pastor. Ray will be serving as Pastor of Missions at Sovereign Grace Community Church in Perris/Mead Valley.
6. Welcomed Commissioned Pastor Lon Wagner to our classis. He will be serving as Pastor of Discipleship at CrossPoint CRC in Chino. Lon shared his passion for discipleship ministry and how he sees God at work.
7. Classis released two pastors from office in the CRC: Rev. Jay Song and Rev. Sung Pil Yang and extended the loan for Rev. Woo Song Chung for another two years.
8. Commissioned Pastor Bob Moore was approved to serve as solo pastor in an organized church. He is the Senior Pastor at Oasis Community Church in Moreno Valley.

9. Discussed an overture from Hope Community Church in Riverside on kinism. Classis approved to overture Synod 2019 to declare that kinism is a heresy and that any officebearer who teaches kinist theology is worthy of special discipline.
10. Leadership grants from classis are available to churches for developing leaders, starting new churches and promoting evangelism.
11. Reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Classis California South, Race Relations and Consejo Latino for planting new Hispanic churches in classis in 2020.
12. Received the 2018 financial statement from the treasurer, Ted Mejan, who is retiring August 31, 2019. Words of thanks and appreciation were expressed to our treasurer and assistant treasurer for keeping us financially accountable. Classis will begin a search for a new treasurer.
13. Reports were received from the stated clerk, church counselors and the director of the Evangelist Training Program.
14. Nominated Daryl Switzer from Riverside for World Renew delegate for appointment by Synod 2019 for a three year term.
15. Nominated Rev. Cor Pool and Rev. Scott Elgersma for reappointment by Synod 2019 for a second three-year term as synodical deputy and alternate synodical deputy respectively.
16. Approved the retirement of Rev. Mark Vermaire and released Ben Mulder from the office of Commissioned Pastor due to a job change.

*Next meeting of Classis CA South is scheduled for October 3, 2019!*

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