

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING 2020 CLASSIS MEETING

1. Can You Hear Me Now? How To Listen Like A Rock Star? Ben Katt, Nick In't Hout, and Kristen Rietkerk led us in an interactive learning experience in active listening skills and identifying key postures and behaviors of leaders who listen well. Check out our Facebook page for more information.
2. Chaplain Tim Rietkerk, Vitas Healthcare, shared how to provide care for those who are grieving.
3. Delegates to Synod 2020: Minister Delegate: Rev. Lewis Kim; Elder Delegate: Mr. Brian Kamps; Deacon Delegate: Mr. Darryl Switzer; Other Officebearer: Mr. Ralph Mack (elder).
4. Lightning Round Presentations:
 - a. Round 1: David De Koekkoek – 2019 Financial Report
 - b. Round 2: Fernando del Rosario – Calvin University Board of Trustees
 - c. Round 3: Kristen Rietkerk – Faith Formation Ministries
 - d. Round 4: Harold Caicedo – Church Planting in Venezuela
 - e. Round 5: Scott Elgersma – Calvin Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
5. Examined, received and welcomed Roberto Reyes for licensure to exhort within Classis CA South. Roberto will primarily be exhorting at Camino al Cielo CRC in San Marcos.
6. Classis released Rev. Seung Jun Lee from Hanaro Community CRC in La Puente, CA and extended Rev. Charles Hong's availability for call for another year.
7. Approved a new job description for Commissioned Pastor Rudy Gonzalez in his work with CRC Race Relations and released Mike Sarkissian from the office of Commissioned Pastor.
8. Classis approved a request from Camino al Cielo CRC in San Marcos to revert to emerging status due to decreased size, limited finances, and lack of sufficient leadership. Crossroads CRC in San Marcos has agreed to provide supervision.
9. Rev. Andy Hanson presented a proposal from a group of Reformed men at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison in Blythe, CA requesting help to begin a prison ministry through the CRC. Classis approved a motion to establish this as a ministry of Classis California South. Volunteers will be recruited.

10. Reports were received from the stated clerk, treasurer, church counselors, classis vision team, Safe Church coordinator and representatives for World Renew and Disaster Response Services.
11. As the CRC Council of Delegates representative for our classis, Rev. Harold Caicedo highlighted some of the recent decisions made by the CRCNA including the reasons for the resignation of the executive director, Steven Timmermans. Delegates and churches are encouraged to PRAY for Steven, Colin Watson, acting executive director, and the CRCNA as we go through some major structural changes in the next year.

Next meeting of Classis California South is scheduled for October 8, 2020!

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