

Minutes
Classis California South
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Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:30 p.m.
Location: San Diego CRC, San Diego, CA
Chairman of the Day: Pastor Scott Elgersma
Vice Chairman: Pastor Rick Kim
Stated Clerk: Will Verhoef

1. A worship team from the San Diego CRC led classis in the singing of several songs. Chairman Elgersma reflected on his experience at the Prayer Summit held on April 16-18 at All Nations Church, Lake View Terrace, CA. He then encouraged delegates and guests to divide into small groups and led in a time of prayer.
2. Chairman Elgersma called the meeting to order and asked the Stated Clerk to call the roll.
 - a. Roll call of the delegates

Delegates from Organized Churches

- 1) Chino, CrossPoint CRC: Bryan Vander Tuig, Tim Spykstra, Doug Thompson
- 2) Fullerton, Orange Korean CRC: Yun Jin Kim, In Chang Park
- 3) Fullerton, Faith Community: no representatives
- 4) Irvine, Urim CRC: no representatives
- 5) La Puente: Hanaro CRC: Jason Na, Kwang Jip Kim, Jun Sup Park
- 6) Las Vegas, Yung Kwang: no representatives
- 7) Las Vegas, Grace Valley: Frankie Wunderink
- 8) Moreno Valley, Oasis Community: Rudy Gonzalez, Gabe Colangelo
- 9) City of Orange, Korean American CRC of Orange County: no representatives
- 10) Redlands, The River CRC: Scott Elgersma, Hans deKok, Sandy Cooper
- 11) Riverside, Hope Community CRC: Cor Pool, Ross Lybarger, Jim Grandia
- 12) San Diego, San Diego CRC: John Berends, Don Boss, Mike Rottenberg
- 13) San Diego, Trinity Fellowship CRC: Jose Munoz, Frank Duwell, Charles Grandt
- 14) San Marcos, Crossroads CRC: Mark Vermaire, Tony Bons, Adrian Voorkamp
- 15) Santa Ana, Hmong CRC: no representatives
- 16) Tustin, First Harvest Chapel: no representatives
- 17) West Covina, Good News Chapel: Jim Han
- 18) Westminster, Korean CRC of Orange County: Kyu Paek

Representatives from emerging churches:

- 1) Laotian Vientiane, Moreno Valley, CA; none
- 2) Iglesia Cristiana El Sembrado, Fontana, CA; none
- 3) Sovereign Grace Community, Perris, CA: none
- 4) Friendship Community, Fontana, CA: none
- 5) Holy Family Church, Chino, CA: none
- 6) International Church of Praise, Chula Vista, CA: none
- 7) Areumdawoon Church, Las Vegas, NV: none

- 8) Grace CRC, Moreno Valley, CA: none
- 9) Bethesda Church, Pomona, CA: none
- 10) Iglesia Camino al Cielo Church, San Marcos, CA: none

- b. The chairman invited first time delegates to sign the Form of Subscription. There was one first time delegate.
 - c. It was announced that our Vice Chairman, Rev. Rick Kim, could not make the meeting because of a pressing pastoral care issue.
 - d. Chairman Elgersma welcomed guests. He mentioned by name: CR World missionaries to Tijuana, Mexico Rev. and Mrs. James Lee (who spoke briefly bringing greetings), Rev. Henry and Evelyn Karsten (WM Regional Mobilizers), Rev. Mike and Lois Vander Pol (regional pastor and prayer team member), and Joel Verhoef (CRWRC Board member from Classis CA South).
3. Will Verhoef presented the Classical Executive Team report.
- a. He reported on the church visitation program that has been initiated, displayed the letter that has been sent out by Cor Pool, Chairman of the Church Development Team and introduced Mike Vander Pol and Phil duBois as members of the Encouragement Teams.
 - b. Will presented a powerpoint document that included for discussion and approval slightly revised vision, mission, and values as well as an eighteen month plan.
 - 1) A motion was made to table those items until our October classis meeting. Motion passed.
 - 2) A motion passed to have the CET along with the Classis Prayer Team call members of classis to prayer (Prayer Summit) and seek God's face about the vision, missions, values, and 18 month plan that had been presented and that all churches of classis be urged to participate.
 - 3) It was suggested that the CET have the materials translated into Korean and Spanish and also sent to all churches for discussion by their Councils/Leadership. The chairman so ordered.
 - 4) It was suggested that Councils be encouraged to give feedback to the Stated Clerk about the vision, mission, values, and 18 month plan.

- c. Will introduced the following recommendations concerning elder nominations to synod: 1) All elder nominations to be submitted prior to the classis meeting (even as late as the pre-classis CET meeting, 2) give time at the meeting for each elder nominee to be introduced with biographical information and picture (if possible), 3) that the CET be in charge of the nomination process at the annual February classis meeting. All recommendations were approved.

4. Other reports

- a. CRC Board of Trustees member Kyu Paek reported. He mentioned the exciting ministries that the CRC has going such as the recent Prayer Summit. There has been a sense of stabilization in the denominational building. Collaboration among ministries is encouraged. Challenges being faced include finding a new Executive Director, increasing Ministry share giving, and dealing with the issue of less loyalty to the CRC among young people.
- b. Classis Treasurer David De Koekkoek had provided a printed financial report for the FY2011. Will Verhoef presented it calling attention to one of the cover notes: "For the year, Classis had an overall loss of \$16,651.62. Ministry share income for 2011 was down by \$19,800, and our overall participation rate dropped from 72% to 53%, an historic low.+"
- c. Classis Counselor reports
 - 1) San Diego CRC (Rev. Mark Vermaire, Classical Counselor). Rev. John Berends, Interim Pastor, reported that the church is running as well as can be expected. They've been 3 years without a regular pastor. There is a list of viable candidates they are looking at.
 - 2) Hanaro Church (Rev. Tong Park, Classical Counselor). Elder Jason Na reported that the church has found the man who will be its next Senior Pastor. He will begin on Sunday, June 3. (Elder Na informed me by email that his name is Rev. Sung Pil Yang, currently an associate pastor at Bethel Korean Church, Irvine, CA and ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Hanhae Classis. Classis Counselor Rev. Tong Park will work with the Hanaro Church to process CRC affiliation.) Elder Na also reported that the church has

lost a sizeable portion of its membership as it went through the recent loss of its previous pastor.

- d. Rev. Henry Karsten, Regional World Missions Mobilizer, gave a report highlighting the work of CR World Missions.
 - e. Rudy Gonzalez, Regional Race Relations Advocate, promoted the upcoming %Church Beyond Borders+workshop being held at the Bethany CRC, Bellflower on Saturday, May 19. (More information about the workshop as well as other workshops offered by Race Relations can be found on our classis website under the %Race Relations+tab.)
 - f. Rev. Cor Pool spoke on behalf of the West Coast Regional Ministry Team. The search process for the next West Coast Regional Home Missions Director has narrowed to three finalists. The search team hopes to announce the successor to Rev. Peter Holwerda by June.
5. As classis adjourned, Chairman Elgersma invited our delegates to Synod 2012 forward. The two who were present, Jose Munoz and Phil duBois, were surrounded by the delegates who laid hands on them while Rev. Elgersma led in a prayer for them and the synod as the classis meeting concluded..