

**CLASSIS CALIFORNIA SOUTH**  
**Minutes of October 18, 2018**  
**CrossPoint CRC, Chino, CA**

***Chair: Ruben Aguilar. Vice-Chair: Don Porter. Clerk: Cor Pool***

1. Delegates and guests arrive, signed in with name tags and helped themselves to refreshments provided by the host church. Delegates submit their classical credentials. First time delegates sign the Covenant for Officebearers.
  
2. Delegates from Organized Churches:  
Chino, CA—CrossPoint CRC: Don Porter, John Roeda  
Diamond Bar, CA—Good News Chapel CRC: none  
Fontana, CA— El Sembrador CRC: Harold Caicedo, Tomas Aldena, Derly Senabria  
Fullerton, CA—Faith Community CRC: Phillip Lee; Eric Yang, Albert Kae  
Fullerton, CA—Orange Korean CRC: Yun Jin Kim  
La Puente, CA—Hanaro Community CRC: Seung Jun Lee  
Las Vegas, NV—Areumdawoon CRC: none  
Las Vegas, NV—Grace Valley CRC: Man Sub (Lewis) Kim, Sharon Rowe  
Las Vegas, NV—Yung Kwang CRC: Chulhan Cho, Steve Kim, Sam Kim  
Moreno Valley, CA—Oasis Community CRC: Robert Moore  
Orange, CA—Korean-American CRC of Orange County: John Seho Oh  
Redlands, CA—The River CRC: Scott Elgersma, Bill Jorritsma, Harold Milligan  
Riverside, CA—Hope Community CRC: Andy Hanson, Ron Glass, Daryl Switzer  
San Diego, CA—Living Faith Community CRC: Larry Hoeksema  
San Diego, CA—Trinity Fellowship CRC: Shirley Turner, Lisa Nieblas  
San Marcos, CA—Crossroads CRC: Bill Stout, Ineke Burrie  
San Marcos, CA—Camino al Cielo CRC: Ruben Aguilar  
Westminster, CA—Korean CRC of Orange County: Joshua Nam

Representatives from Emerging Churches:

Chino, CA—Korean New Beginnings of Crosspoint: Dae Hoon Kim  
Mead Valley, CA—Sovereign Grace CRC: Rudy Gonzalez, Gabe Colangelo

Synodical Deputies: Rev. Paul Vander Klay (Central CA); Rev. John Greydanus (Red Mesa); Rev. Louis Korf (Columbia)

A number of guests were acknowledged during the course of the meeting.

3. Chairman Aguilar welcomed the delegates and guests.
  
4. Opening Prayer and devotions led by Don Porter.
  
5. Kristen Rietkerk, Discipleship Team Leader, introduced Terri Larson, our guest facilitator. Terri is co-president of Cities Together, a community development organization that resources leaders and builds bridges in the Greater Los Angeles area. Terri led us through a facilitated group learning/workshop on considering what it means to be On Mission WITH God outside the church. She reminded us to spread God's love to our cities and our neighborhoods by listening and talking to our neighbors. Discover what gifts you can share with the community and join God in His mission.

6. Several people shared inspirational stories of ministries within our classis where the gospel is being lived out within and beyond the walls of our church: Don Porter, Dae Hoon Kim, Mirtha Villafane, Jeff Liou, Ruben Aguilar.
7. Lightning Round Presentations:
  - a. Mario Perez - Youth Champion/Camp Dunamis
  - b. Fernando del Rosario, Region 6 Delegate to Calvin College
  - c. Ted Mejan, Grandparent on Purpose Conference
  - d. Scott Elgersma – Vision for Classis and Formation of Teams
8. Prayer, Lunch and Networking
9. Article 8 colloquium doctum (doctrinal conversation) for **Rev. Seung Jun Lee** (Hanaro CRC, La Puente) Examiner: Lewis Kim.
  - a. A video interview of Pastor Lee's responses to the exam questions were distributed ahead of time to delegates. Several follow up questions were answered. Executive session declared.
  - b. **MOTION received to declare Rev. Lee eligible for call to the ministry of the Word in the CRC** followed by discussion and prayer. Delegates voted by ballot. **MOTION carried.** Synodical Deputies concurred. Executive session ended.
  - c. Rev. Lee was invited back and Chairman Aguilar informed him of our decision, congratulated him and presented him with a certificate. Rev. Joshua Nam offered a prayer and delegates were invited to congratulate Rev. Lee.
10. Article 10 examination for **Candidate Albert Kae** (called by Faith Community Church, Fullerton as Chaplain for Union Rescue Mission, Los Angeles) Examiners: Harold Caicedo (Practica); Sermon Evaluators: Nick In't Hout, Cor Pool; Scott Elgersma (Biblical/Theological);
  - a. Video interviews of Albert's responses to the exam questions were distributed ahead of time to delegates. Albert answered several follow up questions on the Practica portion of the examination. **MOTION to proceed carried.**
  - b. Sermon evaluators presented their report. **MOTION to proceed carried.** Synodical deputies concurred.
  - c. Several follow up questions were answered by Albert on the Biblical/Theological portion of the examination. Executive session declared.
  - d. **MOTION to admit Candidate Kae to the ministry of the Word in the CRC** followed by discussion and prayer. Delegates voted by ballot. **MOTION carried.** Synodical deputies concurred. Executive session ended.
  - e. Candidate Kae was invited back and Chairman Aguilar informed him of our decision, congratulated him and presented him with a certificate. Rev. Yun Kim offered a prayer and delegates were invited to congratulate Candidate Kae.
11. Matters Requiring Synodical Deputy Concurrence:
  - a. **Pastor Roberto Quinonez** – Request from El Sembrador CRC for approval of a new job description for Roberto Quinonez (Church Order, Article 23-a). **MOTION carried** that the job description is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. Synodical Deputies concurred. Since Roberto has already been examined for ordination as a Commissioned Pastor in our classis in the past, his examination was waived.

- b. **Rev. Albert Kae** – Request from Faith Community CRC for approval of calling a minister in a specialized ministry as Chaplain for the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles (Church Order, Article 12-c). **MOTION carried** that the position is consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word with clear lines of accountability. Provisional endorsement has been received from the Office of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry. Synodical Deputies concurred.
  - c. **Pastor of Missions Job Description** – Request from Oasis Community CRC for Sovereign Grace Community CRC for approval of this position (Church Order, Article 23-a). **MOTION carried** that the job description is in keeping with synodical guidelines for commissioned pastors. Synodical Deputies concurred. Examination of Ray Nottke to be held at Spring 2019 Classis meeting.
12. Ted Mejan, Classical Treasurer, presented the 2019 Proposed Budget. Ted read through the narrative and highlighted ministry shares for both classis and the denomination. He also reminded churches to update their Yearbook statistics. **MOTION for approval carried.**
  13. Stated Clerks Report (written). **MOTION to accept the report carried.**
  14. Classis Vision Team Report (written). **MOTION to accept the report carried.**
  15. Evangelist Training Program Report (written).
  16. Church Counselor Reports (written)
    - a. Ray Hommes—Oasis Community, Moreno Valley
    - b. Phil Du Bois—Hanaro Community, La Puente
    - c. Phil Du Bois—Yung Kwang, Las Vegas (FINAL)
    - d. Cor Pool—Grace Valley, Las Vegas (FINAL)
    - e. Lou Wagenveld—Trinity Fellowship, San Diego
    - f. John Poortenga—Crossroads, San Marcos (No change from last report)
    - g. Harold Caicedo—Camino al Cielo, San Marcos
    - h. Scott Elgersma—Good News Chapel, Diamond Bar
    - i. Nick In't Hout—Faith Community, Fullerton
  17. Church Credentials/Other Communications to Classis:
    - a. Living Faith Community CRC, San Diego – Having on several occasions met with representatives of Classis California South during the past three years to discuss our future, the Council of Living Faith Community Church/Christian Reformed Church of San Diego, **requests of Classis California South approval to cease ministry as an organized congregation**, in accordance with Church Order, Article 38-d, within the coming months, at a date yet to be determined. (Written Report on File)
 

*Grounds:*

      - 1) our steady decline in membership,
      - 2) the challenges involved with identifying qualified leadership,
      - 3) the limitations inherent with the diminishing financial resources of our congregation.

**MOTION for approval to disband carried.**

      - i. With joy we celebrate with Living Faith Community CRC the 75 years God has blessed them to do faithful ministry in San Diego! An anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, November 18. With sadness we grieve that this ministry is ending. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

- ii. Crossroads CRC in San Marcos has agreed to hold the memberships of those who want to remain in the Christian Reformed Church as well as the ministerial credentials of Joe Nasvytis, Neville Koch, and Leo Clemente.
  - b. Korean CRC of Orange County, Westminster – Pastor Hai Joon Kim has not been supported by them as a Commissioned Pastor since 2011. We reached out to Mr. Kim but received no reply. Classis hereby declares that Mr. Kim is no longer a Commissioned Pastor in the CRCNA. **MOTION carried.**
  - c. El Sembrador CRC, Fontana – La Semilla CRC, an emerging church, has disbanded effective December 31, 2017. **MOTION for approval carried.**
  - d. Faith Community CRC, Fullerton – Rev. Phillip Lee, has accepted their call to be their next pastor. He began his ministry at FCC in September. Request to appoint him as an Interim Pastor while completing his Article 8 ordination process. **MOTION carried.** The chairman welcomed Rev. Phillip Lee.
  - e. Eudell Vis gave a report for World Renew Disaster Response Services.
18. Chairman Aguilar thanked the delegates for coming and closed with prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

***Next meeting of Classis CA South is scheduled for March 7, 2019!***

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