

CLASSIS CALIFORNIA SOUTH
Minutes of March 2, 2017
The River CRC, Redlands, CA

Chairman of the Day: Rev. Jimmy Han
Vice Chairman: Rev. Scott Elgersma
Stated Clerk: Rev. Cor Pool

1. Pastor Scott Elgersma from the host church welcomed all those in attendance and led in opening devotions and a time of worship. He then invited all present to gather into small groups for a time of prayer.
2. Chairman Jimmy Han called the classis meeting to order and Stated Clerk, Cor Pool, conducted the roll call:

Delegates from Organized Churches:

Chino, CA—CrossPoint CRC: Clayton Libolt, John Voortman, Cindy Lower
Fontana, CA—Iglesia Cristiana El Sembrador CRC: Harold Caicedo, Thomas Aldana
Fullerton, CA—Faith Community CRC: Edward Kim
Fullerton, CA—Orange Korean CRC: Yun Jin Kim
La Puente, CA—Hanaro Community CRC: Seungjun Lee
Las Vegas, NV—Areumdawoon CRC: Daewoo Park
Las Vegas, NV—Grace Valley CRC: Sharon Rowe, Glenda Suiter
Las Vegas, NV—Yung Kwang CRC: No representatives
Moreno Valley, CA—Oasis Community CRC: Robert Moore, David Rivera
Orange, CA—Korean-American CRC of Orange County: No representatives
Redlands, CA—The River CRC: Scott Elgersma, Will Verhoef, Nick In't Hout
Riverside, CA—Hope Community CRC: Paul Andringa, Bill Henry, Ron Glass
San Diego, CA—Living Faith Community CRC: Joe Nasvytis
San Diego, CA—Trinity Fellowship CRC: Shirley Turner, Jim Salee
San Marcos, CA—Crossroads CRC: Charley Blom, Richard Boonstra, Ineke Burrie
San Marcos, CA—Iglesia Camino al Cielo CRC: Ruben Aguilar
Santa Ana, CA—Hmong CRC: No representatives
Walnut, CA—Good News Chapel CRC: Jimmy Han
Westminster, CA—Korean CRC of Orange County: Joshua Nam

Representatives from Emerging Churches:

Chino, CA—CrossPoint Chinese CRC: Yi Ming Kao
Chino, CA—La Semilla CRC: Roberto Quinonez
Perris, CA—Sovereign Grace Community CRC: Rudy Gonzalez

Synodical Deputies: Rick Westra (GLA), Jonathan Kim (Ko-Am); Roger Ryu (Hanmi)

3. First time delegates signed the Covenant for Officebearers.
4. Guests were welcomed and introduced.
5. **MOTION:** That Classis approve the Commissioned Pastor job description from **EI Sembrador** for **Maritza Torres**. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*

6. **MOTION:** That Classis approve the Commissioned Pastor job description from **El Sembrador** for **Maritza Blanco**. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*
7. **MOTION:** That Classis renew the loan of **Rev. Abraham Woo-Song Chung** to **Kwang Yum Community Church** for two years. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*
8. **MOTION:** That Classis approve the loan of **Rev. Jay Song** for a **Church Plant in Northern California** for two years. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*
9. **MOTION:** That Classis approve the honorable release of **Rev. Rick Kim** according to Article 14-d. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*
10. **MOTION:** That Classis approve the honorable release of **Rev. David Chong** according to Article 14-d. *Motion passed. Concurrence of synodical deputies received.*
11. The new process of electing delegates and alternates to Synod 2017 was introduced by Stated Clerk Will Verhoef. Voting continued throughout the meeting of classis with the following results:
 - Minister delegate: Cor Pool
 - Minister alternate: Will Verhoef
 - Elder delegate: Jack Nydam
 - Elder alternate: Reggie Norman
 - Deacon delegate: Maritza Blanco
 - Deacon alternate: none
 - Other Officebearer delegate: Rudy Gonzalez
 - Other Officebearer alternate: Lou Wagenveld
12. Nomination of classis representative for the Council of Delegates. Two nominees are being submitted to the synodical office: Harold Caicedo and Robert Moore.
13. Charles Kim, Korean Ministry Leader, gave an update on the Prayer Summit to be held on March 27-29 at Ttokamsa Mission Church in Los Angeles.
14. The Classis Renewal Team (CRT) met with Rev. Al Postma, the CRCNA Classis Renewal Coordinator at a retreat on February 21-22. Scott Elgersma gave an enthusiastic presentation in sharing our new journey forward as a classis with five values for our desired future: Community Engagement, Nurturing Discipleship, Cultivating Leadership, Identity, and Collaboration. The Classical Executive Team (CET) will discuss these values further and come with recommendations on restructuring to the fall classis meeting.
15. **Lunch:** Chairman Jimmy Han offered a prayer for the lunch hour. Delegates and guests enjoyed a time of fellowship as lunch was served.
16. Chairman Jimmy Han called the delegates back to order.

17. Presentation by Sam Gutiérrez, the Faith Formation Regional Coach for California. Sam talked about various helpful resources for church staff and ministry volunteers offered by Faith Formation Ministries. A time of Q&A followed.
18. Reports were received from Church Counselors to churches currently without a senior or lead pastor.
 - 18.1 Phil Du Bois: Hanaro, La Puente and Yung Kwang, Las Vegas (written reports)
 - 18.2 Cor Pool: Grace Valley, Las Vegas (written report)
 - 18.3 Ray Hommes: Oasis Community, Moreno Valley (written report)
 - 18.4 Harold Caicedo: Camino Al Cielo, San Marcos (written report)
 - 18.5 Scott Elgersma: CrossPoint, Chino (written report).
 - 18.6 John Poortenga: Crossroads, San Marcos (written report)
 - 18.7 Will Verhoef: Hope Community, Riverside (written report)
 - 18.8 Lou Wagenveld: Trinity Fellowship, San Diego (written report)
19. **Trinity Fellowship Church** – A lengthy discussion was held on the Church Counselor report and recommendations for Trinity Fellowship Church in San Diego. **The following recommendations were approved by Classis:**
 - 19.1 That Trinity Fellowship return any possessions of Pastor Munoz that stayed in the church.
 - 19.2 That Trinity Fellowship provide Classis with a copy of their Articles of Incorporation.
 - 19.3 That Trinity Fellowship be given permission to call a minister for a half time position for a year provided they follow proper church order procedures and receive approval from classis before the individual is called.
 - 19.4 That Trinity Fellowship agree to pay their annual expected Classical Ministry Shares.
 - 19.5 That Trinity Fellowship does not have to pay a severance to Pastor Jose Munoz given the circumstances under which he left.
 - 19.6 That Trinity Fellowship will remain an organized church.
20. **Pastor Jose Munoz** – **The following recommendations were approved by Classis:**
 - 20.1 That Classis offer and facilitate access to formal counseling for Jose and Cefe Munoz that can lead to the desired outcome for healing from the trauma they have experienced.
 - 20.2 That Classis covers the costs of such counseling.
 - 20.3 That the Regional Pastor oversee the carrying out of these recommendations in conjunction with the Classical Executive Team (CET).
21. **Reconciliation** – Various delegates expressed words of hope and encouragement that Trinity Fellowship, Jose & Cefe Munoz, and Classis enter into a process of forgiveness and reconciliation through the help of a qualified mediator or mediators. The CET will handle the details of this process. A progress report will be given at the fall classis meeting.

22. **Prayer** – Pastor Phil Du Bois led classis in a prayer for forgiveness and healing. All church councils are encouraged to pray regularly for a positive outcome to the glory of God!
23. Kristen Rietkerk reported for the newly formed SoCal CRCNA Missional Leaders group with the Connections Program.
24. Reports were heard from World Renew by Trena Boonstra, Disaster Response Services by Eudell Vis, and Sea to Sea 2017 by Jim Beezhold.
25. Mirtha Villafañe, Hispanic Ministry Developer & Classis Mission Leader, gave her report. Rev. Ben Katt has been appointed by Home Missions to be the new Western US Regional Leader. Rev. Zachary King has been appointed as the new Director for the new mission agency pending ratification by Synod 2017.
26. Our new Classis Treasurer, Ted Mejan, presented a preliminary financial statement for the fiscal year 2016.
27. Rev. Al Breems submitted a written report on his work with the Evangelism Training Program.
28. Classis approved the Stated Clerks' report by Cor Pool and Will Verhoef (written report).
29. Classis approved the work of the Classis Executive Team (written report).
30. Classis declares that given the importance of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and given our identity as Reformed churches, Classis urges all our churches to make efforts to commemorate jointly with other local reformed bodies this historic occasion on Sunday, October 29, 2017. The CRCNA has resources and materials available to assist in carrying out such planning and services.
31. Chairman Jimmy Han adjourned the meeting with words of thanks and a closing prayer.

The next meeting of Classis California South will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017