

**Minutes**  
**Classis California South**  
**Sunday, October 20, 2013 4:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Orange Korean Church, Fullerton, CA**  
**Chairman of the Day: Rev. Cor Pool**  
**Vice Chairman: Rev. Harold Caicedo**  
**Stated Clerk: Will Verhoef**

*Note from Stated Clerk: This is the second of three meetings when we meet on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Our hope was that Sundays would not only allow more folks besides delegates to participate in classis activities but would also be more conducive to a longer time together (than Thursday evenings offered) and allow for more praise, prayer and testimony time as well as time for training/educational opportunities. Approximately 80-90 people were at the classis meeting at one time or another. CET got some feedback about our Sunday meeting experiment which the Stated Clerk recorded for consideration by the CET.*

**1. Chairman Cor Pool called the classis meeting to order.**

He introduced the other officers of the day: Vice-chairman Rev. Harold Caicedo and Stated Clerk Rev. Will Verhoef. Then he invited the pastor of the host church, Rev. Jun Pil Kim, to come forward. Rev. Kim gave some remarks and opened with prayer. He also introduced the Praise Band from Faith Community CRC (which also worships in the same facility).

**2. Time of worship, praise and prayer.**

Rev. Jim Han led this part of our meeting. The Praise team and Band from Faith Community CRC, Fullerton led our singing. Rev. Han then led in a time of prayer. A number of praises and prayers were offered. Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL representative Mr. Rick Van Dyken also presented. We prayed "Korean style".

**3. Keynote address**

The planned keynote presentation by CRC Executive Director Rev. Joel Boot on "The State of the CRC" did not happen. Rev. Boot had a member of his family become hospitalized and felt the need to stay close to the situation. Our time of prayer was extended.

**4. Breakout Sessions**

1) Rev. Al Breems was not able to come as planned and present on training leaders. Instead, Cor Pool and Will Verhoef presented on reviewing our process of modifying classis' vision and mission and setting short term goals. They reported progress toward the goals we had set.

2) The Classis Diaconal Team and guests presented training on Affordable Health Care.

**5. Our host church, Orange Korean Church, provided a wonderful Korean meal.**

**6. Classis reconvened @6:30 p.m.**

a. Church Credentials were submitted and a roll call taken.

### **Delegates from Organized Churches**

- 1) Chino, CrossPoint CRC: Tim Spykstra and Bryan Vander Tuig
- 2) Fullerton, Orange Korean CRC: Yun Jin Kim
- 3) Fullerton, Faith Community: Albert Kae, Alex Won and Richfield Song
- 4) La Puente: Hanaro CRC: Jason Na
- 5) Las Vegas, Yung Kwang: Steve Kim
- 6) Las Vegas, Grace Valley: Steve Wunderink
- 7) Moreno Valley, Oasis Community: Darryl Hill
- 8) City of Orange, Korean American CRC of Orange County: no representatives
- 9) Redlands, The River CRC: Will Verhoef and Bill Dahlin
- 10) Riverside, Hope Community CRC: Cor Pool , Ross Lybarger, Phil Du Bois,
- 11) San Diego, Living Faith Community CRC: Joe Nasvytis and Mike Rottenberg
- 12) San Diego, Trinity Fellowship CRC: Shirley Turner and William Lanergan
- 13) San Marcos, Crossroads CRC: Bill Stout, Anita Termaat and Tressa Boonstra
- 14) Santa Ana, Hmong CRC: no representatives
- 15) Tustin, First Harvest Chapel: no representatives
- 16) West Covina, Good News Chapel: Danny Kim, Jay Song and David Yang
- 17) Westminster, Korean CRC of Orange County: Kyu Paek

### **Representatives from emerging churches:**

- 1) Laotian Vientiane, Moreno Valley, CA: not represented
- 2) Iglesia Cristiana El Sembrado, Fontana, CA: Harold Caicedo
- 3) Sovereign Grace Community, Perris, CA: Rudy Gonzalez
- 4) Friendship Community, Fontana, CA: not represented
- 5) Crosspoint Chinese, Chino, CA: not represented
- 6) International Church of Praise, Chula Vista, CA: not represented
- 7) Areumdawoon Church, Las Vegas, NV: Rev. Daewoo Park
- 8) Iglesia Camino al Cielo Church, San Marcos, CA: several persons from the church were present including Pastor Jose Balderas.

- b. Seven first time delegates signed the Covenant of Officer-bearers.
- c. Chairman Pool welcomes visitors including Rev. Lewis Kim (whose interim—pastor—at Yung Kwang CRC, Las Vegas-status was approved at the meeting), Jack Gueida (Trinity Fellowship CRC, San Diego youth pastor), Rev. Mirtha Villefane (Regional Hispanic recruiter), Rev. Edward Kim, Rev. Sung Pil Yang, Mr. Bob Johnson, Rick Van Dyken (Trinity Christian College representative), Mr. Joel Verhoef (World Renew Board member), Synodical Deputies John Greydanus (Classis Red Mesa), Rick Westra (Classis GLA) and Ted Lim (Classis Pacific Hanmi) and a number of others. He drew attention to Ms. Trena Boonstra who is the new regional Banner representative.
- d. Rev. Edward Kim and Rev. Sung Pil Yang Article 8 Colloquium Doctums were conducted. Examiner: Rev. Ron Chu. Translator: Rev. Yun Jin Kim
  - 1) Classis heard the report from Cor Pool of the Classis Candidacy Committee. He reported that the CRC's Candidacy Committee had received all the necessary documentation and gave approval to proceed.
  - 2) The doctrinal conversation in the areas of soundness of doctrine, sanctity of life and knowledge and appreciation of CRC practice and usage is held.

- 3) In executive session classis discussed the motion to declare Rev. Kim and Rev. Yang eligible for a call in the CRC.
  - 4) Synodical Deputies left to formulate their report.
  - 5) Classis voted by voice vote on the motion to declare Revs. Kim and Yang eligible for a call in the CRC. The motion passed unanimously.
  - 6) Synodical Deputies return to hear the results of the vote and reported that they concurred.
  - 7) Executive session ends. The two men are called back in. Chairman Pool communicates classis' decision that they are approved. Cor Pool gave certificates, offered congratulations and prayed. He then invited delegates to come forward to congratulate them.
- e. Ron Glass and Bob Johnson exams for Commissioned Pastors were conducted.
- 1) Classis hears report from Cor Pool of the Classical Candidacy Committee who reported that all documents were in order.
  - 2) Classis approved the Bob Johnson job description and Synodical Deputies concurred/
  - 3) Sermon Evaluators reported on Ron Glass and Bob Johnson messages.
  - 4) Will Verhoef interviewed both Ron and Bob.
  - 5) In executive session classis discussed the motion that they be permitted to be ordained as Commissioned Pastors in the CRC.
  - 6) Classis voted on the motion and the motion passed.
  - 7) Executive session was concluded. Chairman Pool announced the decision in the presence of the two men. He then congratulated them and gave them certificates of ordination and offered prayer. Members of classis were given opportunity to congratulate them.
- f. Classis considered requests for two churches to become organized CRC's.
- 1) Areumdawoon CRC, Las Vegas, NV. Pastor Steve Wunderink of the supervising Grace Valley CRC presented the request. He introduced Rev. Dae Woo Park who also spoke. Classis approved the request that Areumdawoon Church become an organized CRC.
  - 2) El Sembrador CRC, Fontana, CA. Rev. Will Verhoef of the supervising church, The River CRC, Redlands presented the request. He introduced Rev. Harold Caicedo who also spoke. Classis approved the request that El Sembrador CRC become an organized CRC.
- g. Classis Treasurer Dave De Koekkoek reported. He presented a financial statement and report on the 2012 fiscal year. Of great concern is that classis has accumulated a deficit of \$55,305.30 over the last five years. He then presented the classis budget for 2014. Three major constraints drove the construction of the 2014 budget: being realistic about the number of budget members in classis and about the income we can expect as well as limiting the ministry share increase per member to 3%. The goal was to have a

balanced budget. He didn't quite succeed! The budget that was approved showed income of \$68,100, expenses of \$72,500 and a per member ministry share of \$43.85.

h. Rev. Jimmy Han presented a report from the Classical Executive Team:

- 1) Urim CRC has been transferred to Classis Pacific Hanmi. (Synod 2013 approved the overtures from Classes CA South and Pacific Hanmi to do so.)
- 2) A motion was made to reinstate Rev. Woo Song Chung into the CRC Yearbook. The following statement was approved: "That Classis California South acknowledge that a mistake in record keeping has been discovered regarding Rev Woo Song Chung, and that the classis officially recognizes him to still be ordained in the CRCNA, as a pastor on loan to Kwang Yum Community Church, with the Orange Korean CRC serving as his calling church." (OKC's Council still needs to approve holding Rev. Chung's credentials.)
- 3) Rev. Ron Chu has been approved as Mission Leader for Classis CA South starting Jan. 1, 2014.
- 4) We received word that Bethesda CRC, Pomona, CA has disbanded.
- 5) Motion: to approve the retirement of Rev. Albino Melendez, long-time pastor of the Bethesda CRC of Pomona, as a CRC minister because of age. Motion approved.
- 6) Classis is informed of the merger of two emerging congregations: Grace (Moreno Valley) and Sovereign Grace Community (Perris).
- 7) New members were approved for the Classical Church Development Team: Dale Vander Tuig, Arlen Vanden Bos and Rudy Gonzalez. We note that Bob Moore has resigned.
- 8) Both Classical Treasurer Dave De Koekkoek and Stated Clerk Will Verhoef have terms that have expired (and they wish to retire). However, Classis approved extending their terms until they are replaced. Chairman Cor Pool spoke words of appreciation for the service both have given to classis.
- 9) Classis is informed of the separation of Jose Munoz as pastor of the Trinity Fellowship CRC effective September 29, 2014. Rev. Mark Vermaire has been assigned as the Classical Counselor for the church. Assigned as Church Visitors: Rev. Mike Vander Pol, Mr. Jim Den Ouden and Mr. Rudy Gonzalez.
- 10) Classis approved the temporary installation of Rev. Lewis Kim as pastor of the Yung Kwang CRC, Las Vegas while he works toward ordination as a Minister of the Word in the CRC. Classis Counselor appointed by the Classical Executive Team: Phil du Bois.

i. Chairman Cor Pool offered some concluding remarks particularly thanking the Orange Korean Church for its gracious hosting of the classis meeting. He then offered a closing prayer. Classis adjourned @9:30 p.m.

P.S.: After the classis meeting, the CET received word that Pastor Al Breems has left his position as pastor of Oasis Community CRC, Moreno Valley, CA. The Church Council requested the assistance of Rev. Mike Vander Pol in helping them through the process of

calling a new pastor. The Classical Executive Team approved that request and appointed Rev. Vander Pol as the Classical Counselor to the Oasis Community Church. Please pray for the church as it seeks a new pastor and Rev. Breems as the Lord moves him to a new work.

**Next Classis meeting: Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the Oasis Community CRC, Moreno Valley, CA beginning @4 p.m.**