

**Reformed Church in America**  
**Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team**

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings by Google Meeting on Friday, May 31, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY GOOGLE PLUS: Rev. Dr. Jim Poit, Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland, Rev. Gary Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Ted Vandenberg by Proxy, Pastor Richard Caballero, Wayne Ribbens, and Lynn Fischer.

The purpose of the meeting was stated followed by opening prayer.

Purpose of the meeting was to process the proposal received from The Garden.

After receiving and reviewing the proposal, The Classis Leadership Team scheduled and held a meeting with The Garden leadership on May 23, 2013. It was agreed at that meeting, that Income, Expense and account balance financial data for the years 2010 to 2013 was needed to clearly understand their financial situation. The Garden leadership agreed and made the requested data available the following week. When the data was received and reviewed it became clear The Garden was in financial crises and due to the apparent urgency of the situation a Classis Leadership Team meeting was scheduled and held the following day. After a lengthy discussion the follow course of action was recommended.

Recommendation:

1.) Dr. Poit agreed to contact The Garden and request a Classis Leadership Team meeting with their full consistory following worship of Sunday June 1. 2.) Dr. Jim Poit, Rev. Gary Jarvis and Wayne Ribbens will represent Classis at the meeting. 3.) The Team will present the financial realities, based on their data, to The Garden consistory. 4.) Communicate supersession was required and encouraging them asking for it, and 5.) plan for a special Classis meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> to address the supersession request.

The recommendation was approved by voice vote 2013/13

The meeting was closed with a circle of prayer.

Respectfully submitted

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