

The REC Extended Executive Committee Consensus Statement
On the proposal for the
World Reformed Communion
March 8, 2007

A. Observations:

1. The mandate given to the REC representatives appointed at the General Assembly in Utrecht 2005 was to explore an agreement with WARC that could move REC toward being an affiliated entity within WARC.
2. Our four representatives together with four representatives appointed by WARC formed the joint REC/WARC committee and met in Grand Rapids USA in 31 Jan-2 Feb 2006. During the course of that meeting the committee members experienced a significant coming together and believed this development to have been the influence of the Holy Spirit. The committee developed a proposal that both ecumenical bodies be dissolved and that the members of both WARC and REC join together in forming a new ecumenical organization with the proposed name of World Reformed Communion (WRC).
3. The Extended Executive Committee also received initial reports from the general secretaries of REC and WARC on the responses received to date from the member churches of both REC and WARC. No absolute rejections of the proposal have been received. The vast majority of responses in both organizations were positive in response to the proposal to form WRC. It is also noted that a number of comments were received that address the details of the proposal. These comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the constitution drafting process.

B. Statement of Consensus by the Extended Executive Committee of REC:

1. Approve in principle (on behalf of REC and subject to further development and detailed description) the initiative of the joint REC/WARC committee to move toward the formation of a new ecumenical organization with the joint committees' suggested name of World Reformed Communion (WRC).
2. Agree to convey to the constitution drafting process the importance of:
 - a. A sound Reformed confessional basis that faithfully reflects the essentials of the Christian gospel as historically expressed and understood in the major confessional documents of the Reformed churches worldwide, and
 - b. An organizational structure that fosters fellowship and theological kinship with other members of WRC while maintaining the unity of the whole.