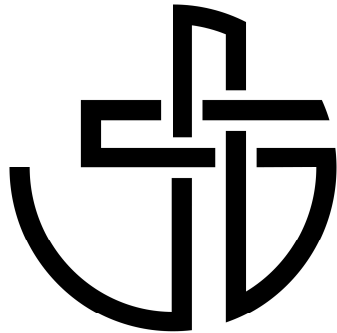


**The Uniting General Council of the
World Communion of Reformed Churches**

“Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace”



**UGC STEWARDS' PROGRAMME
APPLICATION FORM**

Endorsed applications should be sent to:

UGC Stewards' Programme

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A Lifelong and Global Experience for Reformed Youth

About the Uniting General Council

At the Uniting General Council (June 18-28, 2010), about 1000 participants from about 100 countries and representing over 200 churches (denominations) and organizations will gather to celebrate the union of two ecumenical organizations: the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC) and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC). The two will join to form the World Communion of Reformed Churches, which will represent over 80 million Reformed Christians worldwide! Read more about this historic event at www.reformedchurches.org.

When is the Stewards' Programme?

The Stewards' Programme will take place from June 12 to 29, 2010. It will begin with an orientation, followed by the Reformed Youth Forum (RYF, June 14-17) and the Women's Pre-Council (WPC, June 14-17), and finally the Uniting General Council (June 18-28) itself. Stewards will participate in the RYF as their schedules allow.

What will Stewards do?

The work of stewards is essential. Without stewards making sure that rooms are set-up, papers are distributed, mail is delivered, people are counted, etc., there would be no general council at all! Therefore, being a steward means first of all much hard work. Often this work is exhausting, intense and done under the pressure of time. The main tasks will be:

- *Reception* – receive participants as they arrive, make sure they know where they are staying, assist people with directions, etc.
- *Administration* – help to prepare, sort and deliver documents, etc.
- *Communication* – assist in the press room, sort mail, deliver messages, answer telephones, post messages, etc.
- *Plenary Sessions/Section Meetings* – assist with the distribution of documents, translation equipment,

microphones, etc.

- *Worship* – assist worship leaders, distribute worship materials, etc.

However, being a steward is not only work. Stewards will encounter the global family of Reformed churches at a time when they will be discussing important issues and making significant decisions. The three weeks in Grand Rapids will be a time to learn, share, worship and celebrate. In a community of young people from different churches, countries, cultures and languages, stewards will form friendships and acquire enough memories to last a lifetime. You never know! Being a steward may change your life. It will surely change the way you look at the world.

☀ Who is eligible to be a Steward?

You should be a member of a church (national denomination) that is a member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches or the Reformed Ecumenical Council. To see a list of their member churches, go to www.warc.ch and www.recweb.org.

Stewards must be between 18 and 30 years of age when the Uniting General Council takes place. They must be able to work well in a culturally diverse environment. They must be fluent in English, which is the official working language of the Stewards' Programme. Knowledge of other languages will be helpful. Applicants need to be in good health and able to work long and often irregular hours. Patience and the ability to work with others as a team member are essential.

Stewards who cannot afford to cover their travel may receive some travel subsidy, but are expected to raise their local costs – for passports, visas, and local travel. Stewards are volunteers. The WCRC will pay for stewards' accommodation and meals for the duration of the Uniting General Council.

UGC Stewards' Programme Application Form

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

June 12 to 29, 2010

(Please type or write all answers clearly)

1. Names

Family name

First name(s)

Church membership

2. Contact information

Postal address name

Street and number and PO Box

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City or Town Province or State

Postal or Zip code Country

Telephone (country code/city code/number)

Fax (country code/city code/number)

Email

3. Date of birth (day/month/year) / /

4. Nationality

5. Gender Female..... Male.....

6. Marital Status Single..... Married.....

7. Occupation (if student, which field)

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8. What is your mother tongue?

9. There will be four official languages at the Uniting General Council. Please mark with an "X" to indicate

- the languages you **speak**
- the languages you **understand**
- the languages you **read**

	English	French	German	Spanish
Speak				
Understand				
Read				

10. Do you speak any other language than the ones in questions 8 and 9?

IMPORTANT: Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

- A. Why are you interested in the ecumenical movement?
- B. Why are you interested in being a steward at the Uniting General Council?
- C. Have you ever been a steward before (local, regional, global)?
- D. What are the main concerns facing young people in your country? Describe the situation briefly.

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- E. Explain how you understand the theme “Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace” in five sentences.
- F. Describe yourself in five sentences.

IMPORTANT: Please read and sign the following declaration:

- 1. I understand that the WCRC will be responsible for my board and lodging expenses. I understand that I (or my church) will be responsible for expenses I incur in my country related to the travel (visa costs, travel within my country, etc.). I will be responsible to ensure that all my other expenses are met, whether by myself, my church or the WCRC.
- 2. Please check one of the following:
 - I am able to pay for my entire return travel cost (Airfare) to Grand Rapids
 - I request a partial subsidy for my travel cost (Airfare) to Grand Rapids and I am prepared to contribute:
 - I am unable to contribute anything to my Airfare to Grand Rapids and request a full subsidy for my travel costs
- 3. I confirm that I will work as a steward for the full duration of the Uniting General Council in Grand Rapids, USA (June 12 to 29, 2010).

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Please obtain an endorsement/reference from a pastor, chaplain, or professor from within a member church of the WARC or REC. Send it with this application form or have the endorsement sent directly to the REC office.