

WORLD REFORMED COMMUNION: A Proposal for a New Global Entity for Reformed Christians

(to succeed the World Alliance of Reformed
Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical
Council)

Name:

We propose the name World Reformed Communion, because this body is global in nature, centered in the Reformed tradition, and models the biblical image of the body of Christ in its life and ministry.

As a communion we seek to be one in Christ and to carry out our ministry in a way that enables all members to share their gifts for the good of the whole and for the transformation of the world.

Basis:

The basis of the World Reformed Communion shall be the Word of the triune God, incarnated in Jesus Christ, the foundation of the Church, and written in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. This communion embodies the Reformed identity articulated in the historic Reformed confessions and continued in the life and witness of the Reformed community.

Membership and Affiliation

All current member churches of REC and WARC shall be members of the WRC. We invite other churches of the Reformed, Presbyterian, Congregational, Waldensian, other First Reformation, United and Uniting traditions, who affirm the basis of the WRC, to join our fellowship. We also look forward to welcoming movements, agencies and theological institutions of the Reformed movement into active affiliation with the WRC.

Callings:

- To foster Reformed confessional identity and communion among Reformed churches for the sake of the whole Church
- To promote justice in the economy and the earth, and to work for reconciliation in the world
- To encourage the renewal of Reformed worship and spiritual life as a global family of God's people
- To aid leadership development and the nurture of the covenant community
- To promote the full participation of women and youth in all aspects of the Church's life
- To renew a passion among Reformed Christians for God's mission, both witness and service, in a spirit of partnership and unity
- To interpret Reformed theology for contemporary witness and for the unity of the Church

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