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Dear Friends in Christ:

“How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133: 1)

We write to you as presidents of the Reformed Ecumenical Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to share with you our great joy in what we hope will be a major step forward for unity in the Reformed family. We have just concluded a meeting of a joint committee of the leadership of our two organisations at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A. We are pleased to inform you of the unanimous recommendation of our committee that we together form a new global Reformed body, the World Reformed Communion, which will be the successor to both WARC and REC.

Attached you will find information on the name of this new body, the basis for our life together, and the callings which will be central to our ministry. You will also find a document with the time line for this process and some beginning suggestions for organisation.

As you notice, one of the features is to receive responses to this proposal from member churches. We will appreciate receiving your formal response by February 1, 2007. Please send the response to either the REC office or the WARC office.

We rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit, which we believe has led us to recommend that the time has come to bring together the work of the World Alliance and the Reformed Ecumenical Council into one body that will strengthen the unity and witness of Reformed Christians. We also believe that this new, united Reformed body will be a blessing to the broader ecumenical movement and to the reconciliation of the world.

We hope you share our joy in this important breakthrough and will be in prayer for all Reformed churches as we seek to move toward greater unity and common witness.

Yours in Christ,

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