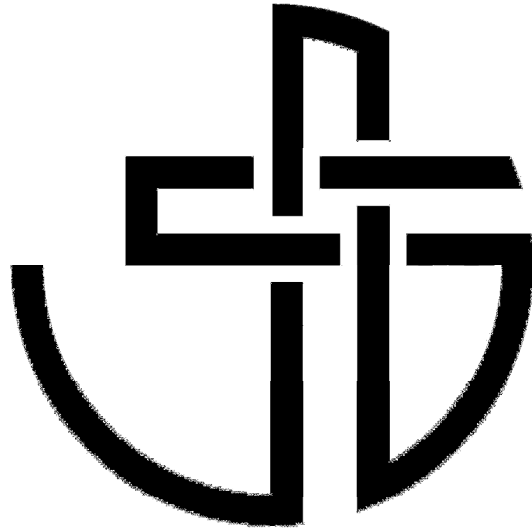


**The Uniting General Council of
The World Communion of Reformed Churches**

Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace



**The WCRC succeeds
The Reformed Ecumenical Council
and
The World Alliance of Reformed Churches**

Registration Form

Please answer all questions and return this form by February 28, 2009 to:

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General Information about the Uniting General Council and the World Communion of Reformed Churches

Two international Reformed church bodies will come together in a Uniting General Council (UGC), June 18-28, 2010. The member churches of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council will gather to form a new body that will succeed these two organizations. Gathering under the theme, *Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace*, delegates will begin to explore the meaning and implications of their new unity in the WCRC.

Venue: Calvin College
Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
Tel +1 (616) 526-6452 (Campus Security, for emergency use only)

The Christian Reformed Church in North America will be the host church, a member of both WARC and REC. The CRCNA is being assisted by several other WARC members from the United States and Canada in making local arrangements. WARC's Caribbean and North America Area Council (CANAAC) will also play a role in the program.

Travel:

Dates: Participants who travel from overseas should make travel plans early. Participants normally should plan to arrive on June 17, for the opening sessions on the morning of June 18 – or earlier if they are participating in any of the pre-UGC events. Departures for return should normally be the evening of June 28, or morning of June 29. The local hosting program may suggest that some delegates may stay a day or two longer.

Tickets: We will have special arrangements with Activa Travel, who will set up a conference travel section on their website, www.activatravel.com, where we hope discounts for all UGC participants can be obtained.

Subsidies: To inquire about travel subsidies, please write the UGC coordinator. All persons getting subsidized travel must use Activa Travel to book flights. More detail on travel and visas will be sent in a later mailing.

Pre-UGC Events: There are four events associated with the UGC, and participants in those will have a slightly different schedule. Except for the Global Institute of Theology (GIT), if you are interested in one of the pre-UGC events, please indicate so on the form below. These events are:

1. The Global Institute of Theology. The GIT is a theological education opportunity with an international faculty for seminarians and young theologians which will take place from June 1 to June 30, 2010. It will begin before the UGC and include the UGC. Participating students will be earning academic credits.
2. Women's Forum. All women participants are invited to come to join in a women's forum. Both for delegates and visitors, this women's forum will take place June 16 to 17.
3. Youth Forum. All young participants and those active in youth ministries are invited to this forum, which will take place June 16 to 17.

In addition, several institutes of Calvin College are organizing a conference on "Reformed Mission in an age of World Christianity". This conference will explore the historic and current strengths and weaknesses of the Reformed movement. UGC participants are encouraged to consider attending. They will gather June 15-17, 2010 on the college campus. There will be some modest costs for participants. An information sheet on this event is enclosed.

Registration Fees: The Executive and Staff of WARC and REC are very grateful for contributions from member churches and others as well to make this UGC possible. Still, to pay for this meeting, we need to go to many sources. One of those is a general registration fee for the UGC.

- \$250 -- For participants from Western Europe, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the USA
- \$50 -- For participants from the Global South

Lodging : While many delegates from the South will be subsidized, churches should expect to pay lodging costs for their delegation.

- Calvin dormitory: US\$24.50 per night (projected).
- Local hotels: US\$70-80 per night (projected).

Meals:

- The host member churches are contributing the cost of the meals for delegates and staff.
- \$25-30/day (estimated) for visitors, observers, press and ecumenical delegates.

Travel Insurance: There will be a blanket insurance policy to cover all participants during travel.

Medical: There will be medical services available on the campus for participants with minor illnesses, with hospital treatment available nearby for more serious cases.

Exhibitions: There will be an exhibition space available for organizations and ministries to share their information with the UGC participants. Please write separately to Richard van Houten, Uniting General Council Coordinator, if you are interested.

Please keep this sheet of paper for your own records and return the following pages as instructed.

Registration Form
World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)
The Uniting General Council, June 18-28, 2010
(Please type or write all answers clearly)

RETURN THIS FORM BY FEBRUARY 28, 2009

(PERSONS WHOSE FORMS ARE RETURNED AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2009 MAY HAVE MORE DIFFICULTIES
GETTING VISAS TO THE UNITED STATES)

A. Personal information

1. Names

Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Rev., Dr, Bishop, etc)

Family name

First name(s)

Name you prefer on your nametag

Full name of member church or organization you represent

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2. Contact information

Postal address name

Street and number or PO Box

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City or Town Province or State

Postal or Zip code Country

*Please **indicate country and city codes** when giving information about telephone and fax:*

Home telephone Work telephone

Fax Cell or Mobile

Will your cell work in the USA? yes no don't know SMS only

Preferred email Other email

How do you prefer to receive information about the Uniting General Council? Paper Email

3. Passport information

Passport nationality

Full name as it appears in passport

Passport number Place of issue

Date of issue (day/month/year) / / Valid until (day/month/year) / /

(Please enclose with this form photocopies of the passport pages containing this information.)

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

5. Sex Female Male

6. Marital status Single Married

7. Church status Deacon Elder Minister Lay member

8. In what capacity will you be present at the Uniting General Council?

- Delegate – from a WARC or REC member church
- Observer from a non-member church
- Ecumenical delegate representing
- Member of the REC or WARC Executive Committee
- Official guest
- Consultant or Speaker
- North American Arrangements Committee
- Spouse of official representative (name of spouse)
- Visitor
- Staff
- Coopted staff
- Steward
- Accredited press (Please contact Kristine Greenaway, communication@warc.ch or Paul Boice, pboice@rca.org)
- Other (please specify)

B. Background information

9. Profession

Present occupation

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10. Position or responsibility in church or organization you represent

Other Church involvement

11. Please list any previous participation in WARC or REC meetings, workshops, committees, general councils, assemblies etc.

12. Do you have any skills that you would like to contribute to the Uniting General Council?

- Bible study leader Worship Drama Arts & crafts Note taking
- Small group leader Choir Music Story telling Writing or drafting
- Other

13. Language

What is your primary language?

What other languages do you speak fluently?

There will be four working languages at the Uniting General Council. Please mark with an 'X' to indicate

- a. the languages you **speak**
- b. the languages you **understand**
- c. the language in which you wish to **hear interpretation** (mark one only)
- d. the language in which you wish to **read documents** (mark one only)

	English	French	German	Spanish
Speak				
Understand				
Interpretation (one)				
Documents (one)				

We expect to have interpretation in the plenary sessions in these four languages, and possibly Korean and Indonesian. If needed, could you help informally with small group interpretation? If so, please indicate which languages

From..... to From to.....

C. Programme and pre-UGC events

14. Sections and Subsections. The work of the Uniting General Council will gather around two subthemes, "Called to Communion" and "Committed to Justice". Please indicate your preference below. Mark your choice of the subtheme, and within that subtheme, mark your first and second choices of subsection with a 1 or 2.

_____ **Section I. Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace: Called to Communion**

- Reformed identity, theology, and communion
- Christian unity and ecumenical engagement
- Justice in the economy, the earth, and all God's creation
- Spiritual and worship renewal
- Leadership development and nurture
- Gender justice
- Youth empowerment
- Mission
- Working for peace and reconciliation

_____ **Section II. Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace: Committed to Justice**

- Reformed identity, theology, and communion
- Christian unity and ecumenical engagement
- Justice in the economy, the earth, and all God's creation
- Spiritual and worship renewal
- Leadership development and nurture
- Gender justice
- Youth empowerment
- Mission
- Working for peace and reconciliation

15. Would you like to participate in the pre-UGC Women's Forum? Yes No

A Women's Forum is scheduled to take place from June 16-17, 2010 in Grand Rapids. More information will be sent to you if you indicate your interest in attending.

16. Would you like to participate in the pre-UGC Reformed Youth Forum? Yes No

A Reformed Youth Forum is scheduled to take place from June 16-17, 2010 in Grand Rapids. Participants 18-30 years old or working in youth ministry may participate. More information will be sent to you if you indicate your interest in attending.

17. Would you like to participate in the pre-UGC conference, *Reformed Mission in an Age of World*

Christianity? Yes No

Scheduled for June 15-17, 2010, this event is hosted by Calvin College and will involve modest fees. A more detailed information sheet accompanies this form.

D. Accommodation and meals

18. Student dormitory rooms. Calvin College Campus. Most delegates will be accommodated here in single rooms with bed, desk, sheets and towel. There is a shared shower and toilet between each two rooms. We will try to ensure that married couples staying in the dorms will have the adjoining room empty. Each room will have internet access. Projected cost: \$24.50/night.

Please book my room here.

19. Accessibility on campus. The campus meeting rooms are fully accessible. However, there are no lifts/elevators in the dormitories, which have three stories each. If you have a need for a ground floor room, please indicate here.

Ground I have no preference

20. Hotels and homes: The North American Arrangements Committee can arrange hotel accommodation off campus at your expense. Projected hotel costs are US\$75-80 per night, but the price will be about the same if the room is shared. Prices include a light breakfast. **All visitors** (except delegate spouses) should expect to stay in the hotel accommodation. Some visitors may be accommodated in dormitory rooms on a space-available basis (at US\$24.50/night, breakfast cost additional). If you live in or near Grand Rapids and plan to stay at home, or plan to stay with a friend who lives nearby, please indicate this.

Please book my room in a hotel and send me more information.

I am a visitor and will take a hotel, but would like to be considered for dormitory accommodation.

I will be staying off-campus at a home by my own arrangement.

21. Prince Conference Center. Certain delegates involved in planning and reporting will be housed at the Prince Center on campus. We will let you know if you will be housed there.

22. Meals: Please indicate any dietary needs you may have (vegetarian, diabetic, etc).

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E. Health

23. Please indicate medical conditions or physical needs you may have (wheelchair, sign language, chronic illness, etc).

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24. Please indicate any regular medications that you need to take. You should take these with you, but we would like the information for emergency purposes.

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25. Please tell us if you have any allergies.

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26. Please provide any family history of illness or disease that might affect you during your visit.
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27. Whom should we contact in case of emergency?

Name and relationship:

Telephone number:

F. Friends in the USA or Canada. You may have a friend or relative you would like to visit when you travel to the United States. If this person is a member of church that might be interested in sponsoring your travel, and you would like us to contact him or her about arrangements, please let us know.

Name:

Telephone and/or address:

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Signature

Date