

According to information in the Ecumenical News circulated by the PC(USA) ecumenical office on October 10, 2009, the United Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) declined to recommend the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa (DRC) for membership in the All Africa Council of Churches recently. Conversations about unity between the two churches have also been suspended. At issue is the attitude of DRC congregations, which would not want the Belhar Confession as part of their church's confessional basis. The URCSA uses the Belhar Confession as one of its basic confessional statements and would not want to be in union with the DRC without it.