

# **World Communion of Reformed Churches**

Called to communion, committed to justice

## **Discernment Questions: Collegial General Secretariat**

- 1. What are your thoughts on the WCRC advocacy programme, GRAPE?
- 2. If remaining funds can be raised, do you agree that a female Executive Secretary for Mission and Advocacy should be appointed?

#### **DRAFT ACTION:**

The Executive Committee:

- Endorses the GRAPE programme;
- Approves the creation of an Executive Secretary for Mission and Advocacy, upon completion of fundraising;
- Authorizes the CGS in conjunction with the Officers Committee and the Peace and Reconciliation Working Group to form a search committee for the Executive Secretary for Mission and Advocacy to present a candidate to the Executive Committee for appointment in May 2022.
- 3. What are your thoughts and/or ideas about the WCRC declaring a decade to combat climate change?

### **Discernment Questions: Sustainability**

- 1. Do you agree that the mandate of the Sustainability Task Group should be extended until the next General Council?
- 2. Do you agree with the proposal that regional councils should be developed in Asia, the Middle East, and Pacific to strengthen communion?

### **DRAFT ACTION:**

To strengthen the participation of member churches in the life of the Communion, the Executive Committee:

- Authorizes the creation of a process for the development of regional councils in Asia, the Middle East, and the Pacific, with the understanding that the next General Council will formally constitute any new councils.
- 3. What are your reflections on the definition of sustainability by the Task Group?

Sustainability should not be defined narrowly in financial terms. We are sustained in all things by the Lord Jesus Christ, who brings our communion into being and nurtures it according to God's will. While organizational sustainability, including financial stability, is one important part of the faithful living out of our communion, we also recognize and celebrate that we have much to share that sustains us in time and space. We take seriously the sharing of prayer, time, friendship, goodwill, and all the

gifts of the Spirit as we carry out our ministry. All this is integral to the sustainability of the WCRC.

- 3. What are your reactions to the recommendation of the task group to put the activation of the Communion into the center of the long-term sustainability initiative into the centre of the work of the WCRC?
- 4. What are some ways your church could be motivated to become more actively involved in the life and work of the Communion? How could WCRC support these ways?
- 5. What are some ways you, as an Executive Committee member, or others from your church might become ambassadors to promote WCRC and encourage support of its work and long term sustainability?

## **Discernment Questions: General Council**

- 1. What is your reaction to the proposal to place the next General Council in Asia?
- 2. Do you agree that the next General Council should be planned to be held in 2025?
- 3. With appreciation to the Asian consortium for their financial support of the next General Council, do you have any suggestions for other sources of funding?
- 4. What is your reaction to the hiring of two General Council staff members, one in Asia and the other in Hannover? Do you have any suggestions as to how sufficient support be obtained?
- 5. What are your reactions to the draft theme, "Endure and you will gain life" (Luke 21:19)?
- 6. Remembering that the WCRC is committed to full and just participation, what are your recommendations for composition principles of the General Council Planning Committee?