

Ecumenical greeting to the WCRC Executive Committee, May 17-20, 2022

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Stand firm, giving yourselves fully to the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Thank you for giving me, as representative of the Pentecostal World Fellowship, the opportunity to address the WCRC Executive Committee with an ecumenical greeting.

The theme of your meeting “Stand firm, giving yourselves fully to the work of the Lord “ gives me the opportunity to reflect on the development of Reformed-Pentecostal relations.

Our respective churches have in their history gone their different ways, whether in South Africa, in Korea or in Brazil, just to mention three areas. They stood firm to their beliefs by stressing their proper convictions and developed in their varied ways of being part of the living Body of Christ. Not only have they upheld the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and worship, they have also done much to alleviate suffering and injustice in their neighborhoods and abroad.

We are also acutely aware that our times are changing. What once could be done in separate units needs now a common effort, because we are all affected and because we are all part of God’s mission in this world. With that in mind it was a necessary step to enter into a formal dialogue between the member churches of the Reformed Communion and the churches associated with the Pentecostal World Fellowship in the 1990s. During the past three rounds of official dialogue the two groups have much to be grateful for because we have built mutual trust, we have deepened our understanding of each other’s convictions, and discovered how we can “stand firm” together in many aspects of our faith. This fact calls us to continue our mutual engagement, so that we may grow in Christian unity for the sake of God’s good will towards all creation. The Pentecostal World Fellowship would therefore welcome a continuation of the international dialogue between our two church families.

Indeed, it is our vision to be standing firm together in the transformative hope given to us in Christ Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.

As the next global Conference of the Pentecostal World Fellowship will be taking place in Seoul, South Korea, from October 12-14,2022, we would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to the World Communion of Reformed Churches to attend.

In these difficult and challenging times we need to stand together. May God bless you in your work within the WCRC. I pray that the Holy Spirit will give you wisdom, peace and joy in all your deliberations.



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