

# Call and Commitment



"We believe that God is a God of justice. In a world of corruption, exploitation and greed, God is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, the exploited, the wronged and the abused (Psalms 146:7-9). God calls for just relationships with all creation" (Accra Confession).

Called to communion and committed to justice, the WCRC believes that communion and justice are inextricably connected: communion without justice masks inequality, exclusion, and oppression; justice without communion is in danger of becoming divisive. Together the whole of the Communion works to renew and restore the economy and the earth, so that all humanity and the whole of creation might live life in its fullness (Deuteronomy 30:19).

As the Accra Confession states, "We believe that God has made a covenant with all of creation (Genesis 9:8-12). God has brought into being an earth community based on the vision of justice and peace. The covenant is a gift of grace that is not for sale in the market place (Isaiah 55:1). It is an economy of grace for the household of all of creation. Jesus shows that this is an inclusive covenant in which the poor and marginalized are preferential partners and calls us to put justice for the 'least of these' (Matthew 25:40) at the centre of the community of life. All creation is blessed and included in this covenant (Hosea 2:18ff)."

God's gift of unity is also an obligation that the WCRC pursues earnestly, inspired by the Belhar Confession. The WCRC struggles diligently to be a *koinonia* always reforming according to God's Word so that it will no longer replicate, reproduce, act out, or justify discrimination, patriarchy, sexism, racialized injustice, or classism, casteism, or heteronormativity.



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### Participate

- Use WCRC resources at your local church.
- Volunteer to assist at an event.
- Seek scholarships, grants or internships.
- Attend a consultation.
- Join a network.

### Pray

Pray that our witness to justice and communion will be guided by the unifying power of the Spirit.

### Give

Although the WCRC is largely funded by contributions from member churches and partners, direct financial contributions are gratefully accepted. You may donate online or find bank transfer information at [wcrch/donate](http://wcrch/donate). Or you may send a check to either the Hannover or Grand Rapids office:

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**World Communion of Reformed Churches  
WCRC**



## About

The World Communion of Reformed Churches is comprised of 100 million Christians from more than 230 churches in Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed, United, Uniting, and Waldensian and other pre-Reformation traditions in over 105 countries.

As a global *koinonia* marked by discerning, confessing, witnessing, and being reformed together, the WCRC strengthens and deepens unity among its members and coordinates common initiatives to increase its impact around the world.

The WCRC *discerns* both the signs of the times and God's call to action, guided equally by its commitment to justice and to maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The WCRC is a *confessing* body, driven by the unfinished agenda of the Reformation and inspired by the Confessing Church in Germany, the community of the Belhar Confession, and the Accra Confession.

The WCRC *witnesses* to the good new of Jesus Christ that transforms death-dealing systems and structures and liberates for the fullness of life.

In *being reformed*, the WCRC collaborates and engages in God's work of reforming and transforming according to the Word of God and movement of the Holy Spirit.



## Programmatic Work

The whole creation is the theatre of God's glory and glorifies God by reflecting the divine intent for the flourishing of all. This tenet of John Calvin leads the WCRC to bring the resources of the Reformed theological and confessing tradition into the present tense through listening to and addressing the suffering and cries of humanity and all of creation.

The WCRC takes up the prophetic traditions of public witness confessing the God of life in a world fallen among thieves (John 10:10) and works through the following areas:

### Cultivating a Just Communion

This *koinonia* comes into being as a communion by the openness that allows the Holy Spirit to transform the individual, the community of believers, and the world as a whole. This communion emerges from the contributions of all people of faith and therefore seeks to include persons and perspectives from the Communion's rich diversity in every aspect of work together.

### Covenanting for Justice

The Accra Confession named "empire" as that overarching system under which we live and which as a church are called to resist. This means that the WCRC is focused on economic, ecological, and gender justice, along with forming communities of full and just participation that are resilient against and are able to resist violence, racism, nationalism, authoritarianism, and militarism.



### Doing Theology for Transformation

Engaging with the unfinished agenda of the Reformation, the WCRC does theology contextually, beginning with discerning processes in which we see the world through the eyes of the powerless and suffering. In their cries we hear the pain of the crucified God. This engagement leads to confessing the faith in language that addresses the present reality.

### Engaging God's Mission in a Context of Crisis

God's mission transforms the church into a missional communion that commits itself to God's work of renewal and transformation in collaboration with all people of good will, especially endeavouring to do mission from the margins in contexts of crisis and struggle.

### Working with All the Partners God Provides

The WCRC believes "to be Reformed is to be ecumenical." Reformed theology sees that God is at work also in other Christian traditions and understands that the unity of the church to which the Apostolic Creed testifies is already there. God gives unity as a gift and invites the church to receive this by reforming itself and its relationships to Christians of other traditions.

