

WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES

Date

Dear Friends,

Our denomination is helping to host the first ever meeting of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), a “unifying general council” that will officially draw together the Reformed Ecumenical Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches as one ecumenical body. It’s a great honor to be involved in hosting this global event.

The event will take place June 18-28, 2010, on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Four denominations are working together to host the event: the Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ.

Some one thousand people from Reformed and Presbyterian churches around the world will be in Grand Rapids for this event. We are inviting your congregation to get involved: your members can make it possible for delegates to attend, as well as help provide delegates and visitors with an unforgettable experience of warm hospitality and Christian community once they arrive. An important part of this meeting will be enabling delegates and visitors to interact with local congregations.

Please invite members of your congregation to consider one or more of these opportunities to get involved:

1. Host a delegate or visitor for Sunday morning worship and lunch in your home on June 20, 2010. We hope that all delegates and visitors will have this opportunity for personal interaction with local Christians, and we need approximately 500 hosts.
2. Welcome delegates as they arrive or assist them throughout the meeting. We need 500 volunteers to sign up for specific times to welcome delegates at the airport or to help answer questions on campus at Calvin College. Training will be provided in advance.
3. Sponsor a delegate. Because so many delegates need financial assistance for travel and accommodations in order to attend the WCRC meeting, we are looking for 400 congregations to provide one or more \$1,000 sponsorships. Delegates who qualify for sponsorship will primarily come from the southern hemisphere and will be available to visit with their sponsoring congregations the weekend of June 26-27, 2010, for personal interaction and fellowship.

You can learn more about these opportunities on our website, www.reformedchurches.org.

As you think and pray about your congregation's role in this event, please consider designating a contact person who can assist us in communicating with your church and help recruit hosts and volunteers from the congregation. Please register the contact person on our website at www.reformedchurches.org.

We greatly appreciate your assistance as we prepare for this event.

For the North American Arrangements Committee,

Signed