

**World Communion of Reformed Churches  
Uniting General Council, 2010**

**Workshop Guidelines**

The WCRC Uniting General Council will have four two-hour slots for workshops. The workshops will be offered during the following time slots:

Monday, June 21,     10.30-12.30  
Wednesday, June 23, 14:00-16:00, 16.30-18.30  
Thursday, June 24,   10.30-12.30

Each presenter should plan to present his or her workshop four times. If you are unable to repeat the workshop all four times, please indicate this on your application.

**A. Aims and objectives**

1. Providing space to address and participate in some concrete, contextually-based expressions of any of the core callings of the WCRC.
2. Workshops may also be a practical expression of the theme of the Uniting General Council, “Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace”.
3. Providing opportunity for persons in member churches to present creative ministries they have developed that would be helpful to others.
4. Building the capacity of participants to respond concretely and prophetically to issues and challenges that relate the core callings of the WCRC and/or to the theme of the UGC.

**WCRC Core Callings**

- to foster Reformed confessional identity and communion among Reformed churches, and unity in the whole church;
- to promote justice in the economy, the earth and all of God’s creation, and to work for peace and reconciliation in the world;
- to encourage the renewal of Reformed worship and spiritual life as a global family of God’s people;
- to strengthen leadership development and the nurture of the covenant community;
- to promote the full participation of women and youth in all aspects of the church’s life;
- to renew a passion among Reformed Christians for God’s mission, both witness and service, in a spirit of partnership and unity;
- to interpret Reformed theology for contemporary witness and for the unity of the church.

**WCRC UGC Theme:** Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

**B. Leadership and criteria for workshops**

1. Workshops should fulfill the aims and objectives outlined in point A above.
2. Organizations or institutions whose goals are consistent with those of WARC and REC may apply to present a workshop. The acceptance of the workshop will be dependent on the extent to which it fulfills the aims and objectives.

3. The final line-up of workshops will take into account gender balance, regional balance in leadership and target group, as well to ensure that there is a good subject balance overall.
4. WARC and REC may present workshops that serve as education for people on the ministries of WARC and REC and of the emerging WCRC. In addition, a stationary display of Ecumenical Journey of Mission (used at the June 2010 Edinburgh Conference) will be set up at the premise for delegates to visit.
5. WARC and REC member churches may apply to present a workshop. The acceptance of the workshop will be dependent on the extent to which it fulfills the aims and objectives.
6. Delegates of the Uniting General Council can serve as resource people for the workshops. Delegates are also invited to apply to run workshops so as to facilitate mutual sharing among the member churches.
7. Workshop leaders should expect to present their workshop multiple times, so that different people can attend. The workshop should be designed to be completed in the two-hour time slot.
8. Workshops should include an interactive format, aimed at teaching, sharing and receiving feedback on the subject.

**C. Application and selection process**

1. Prospective workshop presenters who feel their workshops fit the above aims and objectives may send their applications to organize a workshop to Dr. Richard Van Houten, General Secretary of the REC by February 20, 2010 at [rvh@recweb.org](mailto:rvh@recweb.org) or [joy.lee@recweb.org](mailto:joy.lee@recweb.org).
2. The Workshop application forms can be found on [www.reformedchurches.org](http://www.reformedchurches.org).
3. Workshop presenters will be selected as soon as possible after the closing date. By March 15, all workshop presenters will be notified.
4. The final line up of workshops will take into account gender balance, regional balance, subject balance, etc.
5. The leadership of REC and WARC may also authorize WARC or REC staff to present a workshop or two. They may also approach potential workshop leaders and ask them to present workshops.

**D. Workshop participants**

1. Workshops will meet concurrently with committees. Therefore, most participants will be delegates who are not assigned to committees. Workshops will also be open to observers, visitors and the local communities
2. Each workshop should aim at having not more than 60 persons.

The final list of workshops on offer will be distributed to all delegates by March 2010 so that they can consider their selection and priority of participation.