



29th July 2024

Dear Partner in Christ,

Greetings from the World Communion of Reformed Churches!

As you already know, we are planning our next General Council in October 2024 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We will be meeting with the theme “Persevere in your Witness”.

The General Council plays an important role in defining the programmatic directions that the World Communion of Reformed Churches takes into the future. This is done through a process of discernment with all our member churches, networks and partners. Normally a process of discernment involves listening, discerning and decision making.

An important part of the listening process involves our hearing what our member churches and partners speak to us about their concerns for the world and how they work out their calling to communion and commitment to justice. In the context of the General Council this is done through a report presented by the public issues committee.

This time around, considering the magnitude of the task ahead, with the mandate of the Executive Committee, a public issues core committee has been formed that will already work towards the preparation of a zero draft of the public issues core committee that will be presented to the General Council and further worked upon at the General Council.

We are writing to you to invite public statements that will be incorporated into the public issues statement. Given the nature of the process, we are hoping that you will attend generously to the following timeline that we are working with.

1. Declaration of Intent by September 25th 2024 and
2. Draft of Public Statement by October 25th 2024

Kindly note that after receiving your declaration of intent, we will send you a template on which the public statement is to be drafted. Please also note that it may be likely that if there are two or more similar declarations of intent, it is possible that you will be asked to work with another group working on the same issue. We hope that this collaborative process will also serve to strengthen our discerning and build communion.

Please send your submissions to justice@wrc.eu

We look forward to hearing from you, in the first instance, regarding your declaration of intent.

Yours sincerely,

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