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Applications for the Stewards' Programme (October 10 - 25, 2025)

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the WCRC offices in Hanover.

The World Communion of Reformed Churches will hold its 27th General Council from October 14 to 23, 2025 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We expect some 800 participants to come to Chiang Mai, Thailand for this gathering which coincides with the 150th anniversary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

WCRC is seeking 40 stewards – 20 from Thailand and 20 from the global membership of WCRC. **We invite applications for the stewards' programme.**

Stewards will make an enormous contribution to the facilitation of the Council. The General Council will be a wonderful opportunity to share in the life and witness of the worldwide family of Reformed churches. It will be a special opportunity for the stewards to meet many other young people and church leaders from around the world.

Stewards will

- Be important contact persons for delegates, staff, guests, and visitors in all questions concerning their stay in Chiang Mai,
- Help to facilitate the programme, the plenaries, the worship, the groups, and the exposure trips, etc. of the General Council,
- Take part in the international youth caucus that will take place during the General Council,
- Experience the lively ecumenical fellowship with people from all parts of the world.

We ask all members churches to advertise the programme among their members. We would appreciate your help in identifying potential applicants and encouraging them to apply.

Applicants must have the **endorsement of their church denominations.** The endorsement is a sign that your church recognises the applicant's potential contribution to the Stewards' Programme, will

bring back skills that will help the youth movement of your church, and you are proud to send them as a representative of your church.

Stewards must be:

- Between the ages of 18-30 (Born between 25 October 1994 and 10 October 2007)
- Willing to work long hours.
- Able to speak English and preferably one other supported language of the General Council (French, Spanish, Indonesian, Korean, German, Thai).
- Have some level of experience in administrative/logistical work, documentation and conference assistance.
- Willing to work as a team.
- Must be active members of a WCRC member church.
- All applicants must have the endorsement of their church denomination's officers.
- Eager to contribute to, learn from, and share in international experiences.

Stewards will be volunteers. If the sending church denomination cannot support the steward's travel, he or she may receive **travel subsidy**. As a minimal contribution they are expected to raise their local costs – for passports, and local travel in their home country. Their accommodation and meals for the duration of the General Council will be provided for by the General Council budget.

Application and endorsement process:

1. Applicants should send the completed *Stewards' Programme Application Form* to the office of their church denomination by a date set by the church denomination.

2. The church denomination sends all applications with endorsements directly to the General Council coordination office in Hannover:

27th General Council Coordinating office
Knochenhauerstr.42
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3. Applications must be received in Hanover by **January 31, 2025**.

4. We will notify successful applicants by March 31, 2025.

Please note that the application form is available only in the English language because all stewards are required to operate in English.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi
Interim General Secretary
