



Persevere in Your Witness

World Communion of Reformed Churches

Called to communion, committed to justice

27th General Council 2025 in Chiang Mai, Thailand
“Persevere in your witness”

Stewards’ Programme
October 10 – 25, 2025

APPLICATION FORM

Applicants, please read the following information carefully and answer all questions in this form, then send the completed application to the office of your national church for endorsement. The head of your national church should endorse the application and send it to the address listed below before **January 31, 2025**.

Endorsed applications should be sent to:

World Communion of Reformed Churches

Stewards Programme

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“STEWARD” IS “

A Lifelong and Global Experience for Reformed Youth!

When is the Stewards’ programme?

The Stewards’ Programme will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from October 10 to 25, 2025. It will begin with an orientation that leads into the General Council.

What will Stewards do?

The work of the stewards is essential. Without stewards making sure that rooms are set-up, papers are distributed, mail is delivered, people are counted, etc., there would be no general council at all! Therefore, being a steward means first of all a lot of hard work. Often this work is exhausting, intense and done under the pressure of time. The main tasks will be:

- *Reception* – receive participants as they arrive, make sure they know where they are staying, assist people with directions, etc.
- *Administration* – help to prepare, sort and deliver documents, etc.
- *Communication* – assist in the press room, sort mail, deliver messages, answer telephones, post messages, etc.
- *Media* – assist the media team (production of video clips, coverage of off site events etc.)
- *Plenary Sessions/Section Meetings* – assist with distribution of documents, translation equipment, video screens, microphones, etc.
- *Worship* – assist worship leaders, distribute worship materials, etc.
- *Trips* – assist in the facilitation of the exposure trips
- *Local worship and Cultural events* – assist in the facilitation of the local worship in and around Chiang Mai and other cultural events.

However, being a steward is not just work. Stewards will encounter the global family of Reformed churches at a time when they will be discussing important issues and making significant decisions. The time in Chiang Mai will be a time to learn, share, worship and celebrate. In a community of young people from different churches, countries, cultures and languages, stewards will form friendships and acquire enough memories to last a lifetime. You never know! Being a steward may change your life. It will surely change the way you look at the world and at your church.

How to Become a Steward?

You should be a member of a church that is a member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. Then, all you have to do is read every question on the enclosed application, take a pen or find a computer and answer all the questions carefully. Send the completed application form to the head of your church denomination to request an official endorsement. The office of your national church should send the endorsed application to the General Council Coordinating office at the WCRC office in Hanover, Germany.

Stewards must be between 18 and 30 years of age when the General Council takes place. They must be born between 25 October 1994 and 10 October 2007. They must be able to work well in a

culturally diverse environment. They must be fluent in English, which is the official working language of the Stewards' Programme. Knowledge of other languages will be helpful. Applicants need to be in good health and able to work long and often irregular hours. Patience and the ability to work with others as a team member are essential.

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 own country. Their accommodation and meals for the duration of the General Council will be provided for by the General Council budget.

Stewards' Programme Application Form

Chiang Mai, Thailand, from October 10 to 25, 2025

(Please type or write all answers clearly.)

Deadline: Applications including endorsements must be at the WCRC office in Hanover by January 31, 2025.

Please attach a recent photo, so that we can at least know what your face looks like.

1. Names

Family name

First name(s)

Church membership

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2. Contact information

Postal address name

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Street and number and/or PO Box

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City or Town

Province or State

Postal or Zip code (if applicable)

Country

Telephone, land line (country code/city code/number)

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Telephone, mobile (country code/city code/number)

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Fax (country code/city code/number)

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Email

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3. **Date of birth** (day/month/year) / /

4. **Nationality**

5. **Gender** Female..... Male.....

6. **Marital Status** Single..... Married.....

7. **Occupation** (if student, which field)

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8. **What is your mother tongue?**

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9. **There will be six official languages at the Uniting General Council. Please mark with an “X” to indicate**

- the languages you **speak**
- the languages you **understand**
- the languages you **read**
- the languages you **write**

	Speak	Understand	Read	Write
English				
French				
Spanish				
German				
Indonesian				
Korean				
Thai				

10. **Do you speak any other language than the ones in questions 8 and 9?**

IMPORTANT: Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

- A. Why are you interested in the ecumenical movement?
- B. Why are you interested in being a steward at the General Council?
- C. Have you ever been a steward before (local, regional, global)?
- D. What are the main concerns facing young people in your country? Describe the situation briefly.
- E. Explain how you understand the theme “Persevere in your witness” in five sentences.
- F. Describe yourself in five sentences.

IMPORTANT: Please read and sign the following declaration:

1. I understand that the WCRC will be responsible for my board and lodging expenses. I understand that I (or my church) will be responsible for expenses I incur in my country related to the travel (visa costs, travel within my country, etc.). I will be responsible to ensure

that all my other expenses are met, whether by myself, my church or the WCRC.

2. Please check one of the following:

- I am able to pay for my entire return travel cost (Airfare) to Chiang Mai
- I request a partial subsidy for my travel cost (Airfare) to Chiang Mai and I am prepared to contribute
- I am unable to contribute anything to my Airfare to Chiang Mai and request a full subsidy for my international travel

3. I confirm that I will work as a steward for the full duration of the General Council in Chiang Mai, Thailand (October 10 to 25, 2025).

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Please follow this endorsement process.

The head of your church denomination must endorse this application. When you have answered all of the above questions, send this form to the office of your church denomination, requesting that it be endorsed by the head of your church (often called the General Secretary, Moderator, President, Clerk, Stated Clerk, Synod Clerk, Bishop, etc.). The office of your church denomination must then send your application to the GC coordination office.

Endorsed by

Position

Church

Date

Only fully completed and endorsed applications will be considered.