



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VII – GENERAL COUNCIL

- A. The General Council is the main governing body of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The General Council is legally constituted to transact the business of the World Communion of Reformed Churches when representatives of **forty percent (40%)** plus one of its **active** member churches are present when the General Council convenes to establish a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS OF GENERAL COUNCIL

- A. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once in every seven years. **The timing of the General Council should not be delayed beyond a maximum period of two years. In the event of an envisaged longer delay, WCRC Officers in discussion with the Executive Committee are empowered to call a virtual gathering to deal with urgent and important decisions.**
- B. At the request of at least one-fifth of the member churches, the Executive Committee shall convene the General Council into special session.
- C. The time, place, and programme of a General Council meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- D. The General Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.

ARTICLE IX – COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COUNCIL

- A. Participants at the General Council are voting delegates, associate and affiliate delegates, ecumenical delegates, consultants, observers, guests, and visitors.
- B. Member churches shall be entitled to appoint voting delegates on the basis of their membership. The World Communion of Reformed Churches will accept the information each member church submits based on its normal counting procedure. The same numbers will be used for attendance at the General Council meeting and for the basis used to determine membership contributions.
- Member churches with up to 300,000 members are entitled to appoint up to four voting delegates.
- Member churches with between 300,001 and 1,000,000 members are entitled to appoint up to six voting delegates.
- Member churches with 1,000,001 members or more are entitled to appoint up to eight voting delegates.



Each delegation shall be gender balanced and **also there shall be balance between lay and clergy.**

Where a member church brings four or more delegates, at least one voting delegate shall be thirty years of age or younger on the date the General Council is convened.

- C. Each of the officers of the World Communion of Reformed Churches shall be an ex officio delegate (with vote) to any General Council that meets during the officer's term of office.
- D. Only delegates from member churches and Officers of the World Communion of Reformed Churches shall have the right to vote and to move or second motions in all sessions of the General Council.

ARTICLE XII – GENERAL SECRETARY

- A. The General Secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the World Communion of Reformed Churches and shall be responsible to the General Council and to the Executive Committee to direct and coordinate the work of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The General Secretary is responsible for advising the Executive Committee and the officers of risks and potential liabilities that may pertain.
- B. The General Secretary shall serve a term of seven years and shall be eligible for one renewal for another seven-year term. A comprehensive performance review will be scheduled at the midpoint of each seven-year term and prior to the decision to appoint the General Secretary to a second seven-year term. The performance review shall be conducted by persons appointed by the Executive Committee.
- C. **When the position of General Secretary becomes vacant due to an exigent or emergency situation, the officers of WCRC are empowered to appoint an Acting General Secretary until such a time as the Executive Committee can be convened to determine the way forward.**