

NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL

FIRST NOTICE 2012

Wednesday, September 05, 2012

To: NAPARC Delegates and Observers

Brethren: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..

The 38th annual meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council will convene **November 13th and 14th, 2012** at Mid-America, Reformed Seminary, Dyer, IN. This meeting will be hosted by the United Reformed Churches in North America.

Registration, location, travel, accommodation, and meal information is accessible on the www.naparc.org web site as well as through the following link <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e6alq1kh66wdfb4/start>

You are reminded that according to NAPARC Bylaw III.2c, agenda materials are to be in the hands of the Secretary 6 weeks before the meeting, thus by **October 1st, 2012**. This would include church reports, committee reports, membership request information, and other business items. You are urged to submit these items in a timely fashion so the Secretary has the time to prepare an agenda and supporting documents to be sent to delegates and observers 4 weeks before the actual meeting. Late submissions (i.e. after October 1st) will have to be approved by the Interim Committee prior to being placed on the plenary session docket.

Also, please provide names and contact information (e-mail, street address, phone number) for all delegates and observers planning to attend. Member churches please indicate who of your church delegation will be present for the Interim Committee Meeting. This information is also due by October 1st, 2011

The Interim Committee will meet at the Seminary to approve the agenda at 10:00 AM on the 13th of November and the plenary session will begin on the 13th at 1:30 PM. A banquet is planned for the evening of the 13th and adjournment, by action of the Council in 2011, is scheduled for 3:00 PM on the 14th.

You are also reminded that the annual dues for NAPARC member churches (\$300 per church) are due by October 1st. These are to be sent to the NAPARC Treasurer, the Rev. Maynard Koerner, whose address information is in the side-bar.

This **First Notice** is being sent to those whose e-mail address I have from the last NAPARC meeting inclusive of updates received to date. If new delegates and observers are attending please forward this notice to them.

In anticipation of our fellowship together I remain,

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Basis of the Council

Confessing Jesus Christ as only Saviour and Sovereign Lord over all of life, we affirm the basis of the fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches to be full commitment to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God written, without error in all its parts and to its teachings as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordt, the Westminster Confession of faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter catechisms.

That the adopted basis of fellowship be regarded as warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship of the nature of the council, that is, a fellowship that enables the constituent churches to advise, counsel, and cooperate in various matters with one another and hold out before each other the desirability and need for organic union of churches that are of like faith and practice.