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First Notice 2014 Meeting

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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.

Monday September 1st, 2014

Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our LORD.

The 40th^h, annual meeting of NAPARC will be held **November 11-13, 2014**. This meeting will be hosted by the Canadian Reformed Churches and will be held at the Canadian Reformed Church building in the village of Grassie, ON, Canada (which is located in the town of Grimsby, ON). The physical address is Covenant Canadian Reformed Church, 480 Woolverton Rd., Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7. All meetings including the banquet will be held at the Church, either in the auditorium, or in the fellowship hall. Space for Interchurch meetings will be available as per the information in the attached accommodation & travel information letter.

Please note as per the 2013 adopted By-laws that this meeting will span three days so as to give time for Interchurch Relations Committees to meet. A Draft Schedule appears on page 1 in the attached Accommodation & Travel Information letter from the CanRC.

Due to the information that needs to be passed on to you this 1st Notice is being sent to you, along with several other documents in a PDF. You will thus find enclosed:

1. A form for Church reports (2013 Minutes p. 88 as amended p. 28).
2. Accommodation and Travel information. (Note the air travel suggestion and the passport requirement).
3. Food and Beverage registration form (by delegation).
3. Hotel and registration information (date sensitive).

Also note that the current exchange rate (as of this date) is 1.0858. This means \$1.00 US is worth \$1.09 CDN

Documents, germane to the preparation of a docket for this meeting (church reports, results of membership voting, ratification of the Constitutional amendments, delegate lists, etc,) *must* be in the hands of the Secretary on or before **September 29th, 2014**. Late submissions will be brought before the Interim Committee for approval before being placed on the docket (By-laws 4:2).

Please advise the Secretary as quickly as you can of the names of delegates / observers attending together with their contact information (mailing address; phone number; e-mail address) so the docket or other information pertinent to the meeting may be sent to the proper persons. In addition please designate which member in your delegation is appointed to the Interim Committee so this can be recorded on the delegate list.

The annual dues for 2014 are \$500 per church. If you have not already done so, please send these dues to the Treasurer, Rev. Koerner (see sidebar) in a timely fashion.

I am sending this 1st Notice to those on my 2014 mailing list. If you are no longer a delegate to NAPARC please forward this notice to the proper person(s).

Also please note that I will not be attending NAPARC this year as an official delegate from the RCUS, but solely as Secretary of NAPARC. This will allow me, in light of our expanded docket and more detailed agenda, to devote my full time and mind to the secretarial task (By-laws XIII. 2.a (2)).

If you have any questions or comments or I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Contact information is in the side-bar. Documents included in the PDF are also available as single files in Word format.

In anticipation of our fellowship together, I remain,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Potter", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Rev. Ron Potter, RCUS
Secretary.

SUGGESTED FORM FOR MEMBER CHURCH REPORTS
(As approved NAPARC Minutes 2013, p. 28, Recommendation #6)

Name of Church/Federation:

Address of Official Website:

Year Established:

Confessional Standards:

Other Standards:

Statistical Information:

Effective date of statistical data

Total number of members
(including baptized covenant children)

Total number of communicant members

Total number of congregations (
including mission works not yet organized)

Total number of organized congregations/churches

Total number of presbyteries/classes

Total number of ordained ministers

Total number of ordained ruling elders

Total number of ordained deacons

Major Assembly:

Frequency

Date(s) and venue of most recent

Date(s) and venue of next

Interchurch Relations:

Membership in ecumenical organizations

Specify the different levels of ecclesiastical relationships
(and number of churches/federations in each)

Changes in ecclesiastical relationships

Cooperative ministries/projects with other NAPARC
churches

Ongoing discussions regarding organic union with
NAPARC and/or other churches

World Missions Activity:

Current fields of labor

New fields being developed or under consideration

Specific opportunities for cooperation with other
NAPARC churches

Home (or North American) Missions Activity:

Current number of mission works
Location(s) of new mission works being planned
Specific opportunities for cooperation with other
NAPARC churches

Major Assembly Study Committees:

List of ongoing (year established)
Final report(s) received at last major assembly (include
links to website)

Significant Actions of the Most Recent Major Assembly:

Other Significant Theological or Ecclesiastical Developments:

Specific Matters for Prayer in the Life or Ministry of the Church:

Suggested Topics for Discussion at a NAPARC Meeting:

NAPARC 2014

Village of Grassie

In the Town of Grimsby, Ontario, Canada
(Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Thursday, Nov. 13)

Accommodation and Travel Information

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ! On behalf of the Canadian Reformed Churches, we look forward to hosting all delegates to NAPARC 2014! Please be advised that, for the first time, NAPARC will **span three days** (Nov 11-13), not merely two as in the past. This year's meeting will be held, the Lord willing, in the Covenant Canadian Reformed Church building in Grassie, Ontario. This facility has a large auditorium where NAPARC's plenary sessions will be held, plus 5 or 6 rooms suitable for smaller meetings of delegations. This building is available for such meetings a day earlier, if necessary (i.e. Monday, Nov 10), all the way beyond the close of NAPARC to Thursday evening (Nov 13), if required (see contact information below).

Also, please be advised that for the first time, according to NAPARC's new bylaws, a **devotional service** will be held on Tuesday evening (8:00 p.m. in the church auditorium). This service will be overseen by the consistory of the Covenant Canadian Reformed Church and all delegates and also members of neighbouring NAPARC churches are invited to attend. We look forward to a time of worship and fellowship together.

***Draft Schedule:**

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM –	Interim Committee Meeting (Council Room)
12:30 PM –	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 – 5:00 PM –	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
5:30 PM –	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 PM –	Devotional Service led by Dr. Gerhard H. Visscher (Auditorium)
9:15 (ish) PM –	Refreshments & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM –	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
12:00 PM –	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 – 5:00 PM –	Plenary Session (Auditorium)
6:00 PM –	Dinner Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM –	Address by Mr. Hans VanDooren on: <i>Reformed Christian Day Schools</i> (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM –	Plenary session – final (Auditorium)
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***NB** – This schedule reflects the times mentioned by the Committee of Review in its report to NAPARC (see NAPARC 2013 Minutes, p.90) and allows for, among other things, more time for bi-lateral meetings.

Meeting Location:

Covenant Canadian Reformed Church
480 Woolverton Road
Grimsby, Ontario L3M 4E7

Hotel Information:

Delegates are responsible to book their own hotel rooms, if required. A block of 20 guestrooms (for a

group rate) has been reserved for NAPARC delegates at two neighbouring hotels in the town of Grimsby: Super 8 Motel (starting at \$89/night) and Casablanca Winery Inn (starting at \$119/night). They are on the same road within easy walking distance of one another. There are also a few restaurants nearby. See attached documents for more details and contact information for each hotel. **Please be sure to reserve your rooms prior to October 10, 2014** in order to secure the group rate. These hotels are approximately 7km from Covenant Canadian Reformed Church, NAPARC's meeting place.

Breakfast – Super 8 Motel includes a continental breakfast with the cost of your room whereas Casablanca Winery Inn does not (though it has a restaurant on the premises which serves breakfast). Breakfast is not being supplied by NAPARC, so please make your own arrangements.

Air Travel:

Please make your own air travel arrangements, if needed. There are two major international airports within a one hour drive of where NAPARC plans to meet: Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) in Toronto, ON and Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) in Buffalo, NY.

- **Suggestion:** travelers originating within the United States may find it less expensive and easier (i.e. much less road traffic, minimal rush hour) to fly into Buffalo, rent a vehicle and drive to Grimsby, ON (apprx. 1 hour drive, border wait included).
- Regardless of whether you enter Canada by air or by land, you must present a valid passport at customs or you will be turned away.
- Travelers landing at Toronto Pearson are advised that rush-hour traffic (6-9 AM & 3-7 PM) is likely to add 30 to 45 minutes to what would normally be a 50 minute commute to Grimsby.

Food and Beverage:

Please select one person from your delegation to fill out the attached Delegates' Meals Information Form and send it to Marlene (see info below) **no later than October 10, 2014**. Please include any special dietary needs. Please be aware of the 2013 change to the bylaws which indicates that expenses for meals for official participants in NAPARC's meeting (plus their spouses) is now covered by NAPARC:

The Treasury shall ordinarily bear the following expenses:

- (1) all food consumed by Delegates, Official Observers, Other Guests, and their spouses at the mid-day and evening meals arranged by the host Member Church during the meetings of the Council; (Bylaws, VIII.2)

Contact Information:

1. Food Matters

Marlene DeBoersap – m-mdeboersap@sympatico.ca or phone 905-945-6044

2. Building Usage (prior to NAPARC on Monday, Nov 10 or after NAPARC on Nov 13)

Peter Holtvlüwer – holtvlüwer@bell.net or phone 905-562-1751

Note: For use of meeting rooms during NAPARC (i.e. from Tuesday through the close of NAPARC on Nov 13), the building will be open all day/evening, so simply sign up for a room when you arrive. If you wish to use a meeting room on either Monday or Thursday (following NAPARC), contact Peter in advance to ensure the building will be open.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

Peter Holtvlüwer, Meeting Planner
Canadian Reformed Churches

NAPARC 2014

Village of Grassie
Town of Grimsby, Ontario, Canada

Food and Beverage Information Form

Please have someone from your delegation fill out this form and return it to Marlene DeBoersap (m-mdeboersap@sympatico.ca) no later than **October 10, 2014**. If at all possible, and to keep things stream-lined, please use only one form per delegation. Thank-you!

Name of Delegating Church – ?

Meals for Tuesday, November 11

- Lunch – number of delegates? Number of wives?
- Dinner/Supper – number of delegates? Number of wives?

Meals for Wednesday, November 12

- Lunch – number of delegates? Number of wives?
- Banquet Dinner – number of delegates? Number of wives?

Meal for Thursday, November 13

- Lunch – number of delegates? Number of wives?

Any Dietary Concerns? (Please identify the individual by name (so we can set out a separate meal for him/her) and give the details so we can best meet his/her needs):

Breakfast Note – Only one of the two hotels serves breakfast as part of the room rental (Super 8 Motel) while the other hotel (Casablanca Winery Inn) has a restaurant on the premises where breakfast may be purchased if desired. Delegates are responsible to look after their own breakfast meal.

Questions about food-related matters?

- Please contact Marlene at m-mdeboersap@sympatico.ca or phone 905-945-6044.



The hotel has 78 beautifully appointed guest rooms. Choose from rooms with Two Double Beds or One King Bed with Whirlpool Tub. We also offer 2 and 3 room Suites with King beds, ensuite with Whirlpool Tub and Shower, Living rooms with a Sofa bed, Fireplace, Dining Room and an additional 2-piece bath.

All of our guest rooms have a working desk with free High Speed internet access, telephone with voicemail, in-room safe, hair dryer and coffee maker.

For your enjoyment, we are proud to offer our Lobby Bar, Bogey's Grillhouse with outdoor patio, and Panorama Restaurant & Wine Bar, our 8th floor open-hearth dining room, overlooking Lake Ontario. We also feature an indoor pool, hot tub and large fitness centre. Our Bodisense Spa at Casablanca offers full spa services by appointment. Parking is complimentary for our guests.

Nestled in the picturesque town of Grimsby in the heart of Niagara's Wine Country, this charming boutique hotel is located overlooking the shores of Lake Ontario. We are confident that your experience at Casablanca Winery Inn will be both an enjoyable and memorable one.

Come for a visit, stay for the experience.

To make a reservation please call our reservation desk, and be sure to note that you are reserving a room with the **NAPARC Room Block**

Be sure to reserve your room before the cut off date of: **Friday, October 10, 2014 at Noon.**

Your preferred Room Rates are outlined below,

\$119.00 for a Standard Double Room

Our reservation assistants would be pleased to assist you with additional room types & rates.

Directions:

From Toronto: (45 minutes) QEW Niagara to Casablanca exchange. Exit north, turn left to Windward Drive.

From Pearson Airport: Hwy 427 south to QEW Niagara to Casablanca exchange. Exit north, turn left to Windward Drive.

From London: Hwy 401 East to Hwy 6 south to Hwy 403 E to QEW Niagara.
Exit Casablanca north, turn left to Windward Drive.

From Niagara: (30 minutes) QEW Toronto to Casablanca exchange. Exit north, turn left to Windward Drive.

From Hamilton: Hwy 403 to QEW Niagara to Casablanca exchange. Exit north, turn left to Windward Drive.

4 Windward Drive, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada L3M 4E9

Telephone: 905.309.7171 Toll Free: 1.877.446.5746

Web Site: www.casablancawineryinn.com Email: reservations@casablancawineryinn.com



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11 Windward Drive
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Tel: 905-309-8800
Toll free: 1-866-668-3502
Fax: 905-309-7834
Email: super8grimsby@yahoo.ca

CONTRACT

Thank you for choosing the Super 8 Grimsby.

Please read over the following, and go through the content with each team member.

GROUP NAME: NAPARC

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding the following space on a tentative basis on your behalf.

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 20

ARRIVAL: November 10, 2014

DEPARTURE: November 13, 2014

The hotel's check in time is **after 3:00PM** on the day of arrival. Checkout time is **before 11:00AM** on the day of departure.

GROUP ROOM RATES:

\$ 89.00 per 2 Queen size beds per night; plus taxes

Rates are based on double occupancy; each additional adult is \$10.00 per room per night. Children rooming with parents stay free.

RESERVATION METHOD:

Individual Reservations:

It is my understanding that team members will be calling the motel directly. Individuals can call us directly with their credit card number to confirm their own reservation. Please have them refer to the group name listed. **The above room block will be held until October 13, 2014** at which time all rooms will be reserved based on availability. Early check in (before 3 O'clock) are at the discretion of the front desk staff.

Thank You for choosing Super 8 Grimsby Reservations