

NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL

First Notice of NAPARC 2015

Monday August 31, 2015

Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our LORD.

The 41st, annual meeting of NAPARC will be held **November 10-12, 2015 at Quebec City, QC, Canada**. This meeting will be hosted by the Église réformée du Québec (ERQ). As of this writing no information is available from the ERQ regarding registration, meeting place, accommodations and travel information. Rev. Westerveld is currently pulling this information together. As soon as it becomes available I will forward it to you.

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. Once a meeting place is established a schedule will be drafted and forwarded to you.

Enclosed please find the Suggested Form For Member Church Reports and note particularly the recently added item: *Suggested topics for discussion regarding progress towards organic union*. (2014 Minutes p. 35 XVIII.A.3).

Please be sure to note currency exchange rates at the time of your travel to Quebec City. Today (August 31st, 2015) the exchange rate is 1.3223 which means \$1.00 U.S. is worth \$1.32 Canadian. Also for those travelling from the U.S. a passport will be necessary.

Documents, germane to the preparation of a docket for this meeting (church reports, committee reports, delegate lists, Interim Committee appointees, business items etc.) *must* be in the hands of the Secretary on or before **September 28th, 2015**. Late submissions will be brought before the Interim Committee for approval before being placed on the docket (By-laws 4:2).

The **annual dues for 2015 are \$700 per church** (2014 Minutes XVIII.B.). 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).

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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 Dort, the Westminster Confession of faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter catechisms.

Purpose of the Council

We regard this basis of fellowship as warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship of the nature of a council, that is, a fellowship that enables the Member 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.

If you have any questions or comments or I can help you in any way as you prepare for this forthcoming meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. Contact information is in the side-bar.

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,
Secretary