

NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL

First Notice of NAPARC 2026

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Basis of the Council

Confessing Jesus
Christ as only Savior 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.

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.

Thursday July 30, AD 2026

Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our blessed LORD!

The 51th annual meeting of NAPARC is scheduled for **November 10-12, 2026**, to be held at the [First United Reformed Church of Oak Lawn](#) located at 9350 S. 54th Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. It will be hosted by the United Reformed Churches in North America.

Lodging has been arranged at the [Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn](#). The group rate (\$159 for two queen beds) expires on **September 22**. This first notice usually is sent the last week of August but because the group rate expires on **September 22**, this notice is going out three weeks early. Take note and act fast. (Breakfast is available but not free.)

Registration is due **September 29**. A delegate registration form and a breakout room reservation form are attached in MS Word so you can fill them out easily and return them to me. Registration is NOT online. One person should register for your whole group. Send the completed forms back to me as email attachments.

The *Suggested Form for Member Church Reports* is being sent with this notice as a separate document in MS Word for easy editing. Please send your completed report to me by **September 29**.

All documents and information germane to the preparation of a docket for this meeting (church reports, committee reports, delegate information, replacement Interim Committee appointees, business items, etc.) *must* be in the hands of the undersigned "at least six weeks prior to the meeting date," i.e., on or before **September 29**. Late submissions will be brought before the Interim Committee for approval before being placed on the docket (By-laws IV:2).

The **annual dues for 2026 are \$1,100 per church** (2025 Minutes Art. 10.B, page 8). If you have not paid our treasurer yet, please do. His name and address are in the sidebar. Thanks!

I am sending this 1st Notice to those on the 2025 mailing list and invited observers. If you are no longer an ecumenical contact person for your church, please forward this notice to the proper person(s) and so inform me. If you have any questions or comments, or if 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 sidebar. In anticipation of our fellowship together, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ's service,



Rev. Ralph A. Pontier, Secretary

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