

COVENANTING FOR JUSTICE

Confessing the Faith

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the healing and redemption of the world.

We believe that God in Jesus Christ is revealed as the one who covenants with and for humanity and all life on earth. We live within the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness.

We believe that God in the power of the Holy Spirit gives us a basis for global life in respect for creation, restoration of community, transformation of the individual, a just distribution of resources, and celebration of life for all.

We believe that the way nations and the world community organize the household of human life remains at all times accountable to God. Human beings are always called to choose between the one true God and the false gods of wealth and power.

We believe that in our day the church is especially called to stand by suffering people and to voice the cry of the earth in the face of mounting economic injustice and ecological destruction, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

We believe that God calls us to follow Jesus Christ in bringing good news to the poor, and health and healing to those who are ill, proclaiming freedom to the captives and peace in a world of war, embracing the outcast and excluded, honouring diversity, and treating women and men as equal partners in church and society.

We believe that the congregation – the people of God, the body of Christ, the community of the Spirit – is called to be a sign, a witness and a sacrament of the mission of God in every place. Obedience is the measure of our faith.

Covenant for final WARC service

We recognize the sovereignty of God over all life. As delegates in this 24th General Council we have declared that the present global economic order places more and more power in the hands of institutions that are not accountable, treats people as commodities, and plunders and despoils the earth. This issue goes right to the heart of our confession of faith. As we leave Accra we are invited to covenant together.

We covenant ourselves as the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to work together with other communions, the ecumenical community, the community of other faiths, civil movements and people's movements for a just world economy and the integrity of creation.

Therefore we will seek to translate this confession into specific acts working together with partners.

We covenant as delegates of WARC to faithfully share the decisions of this 24th General Council with the churches that sent us and will receive us.

Therefore we will be advocates for the decisions of the General Council in the councils of our church and our congregations.

We covenant to pray for the Spirit of God to lead us in discerning the power that gives rise to life for the peoples of the world so that we may oppose that which brings suffering and death.

Therefore we will walk with the suffering and the hurting, and oppose the powers of death as agents of the God of life.

We covenant to be part of God's mission to confront the god of mammon.

Therefore we will seek to grow our willingness to be in partnership with the needy.

We covenant to stand against the abuse of the environment and take action to foster respect and appreciation for the creation.

Therefore we will work for the protection of the environment and seek to conserve resources in every possible way.

We covenant to witness against the unequal distribution of resources in our society, and stand in solidarity with those who suffer the effects of this global financial empire.

Therefore we will go as signs of the grace of God, working with those seeking a just society.

We covenant to live out a spirituality that is open to the future, life giving for all ages, giving expression to the good news of Jesus Christ within culture and the community.

Therefore we will give time to growing our relationship with the God of grace and truth.

We covenant with others worldwide: we commit ourselves, our time, and our energy to the call of changing, renewing and restoring the economy and the earth.

Therefore we choose life so that we and our descendants might live in a just world