

INFORMATION ITEM 217

CALVIN ANNIVERSARY

2009 will mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. The Office of Theology and Worship is cooperating with a number of Presbyterian, Reformed, and ecumenical bodies to plan for observations that will explore and celebrate the legacy of Calvin. Resources will be made available to congregations and presbyteries, providing opportunities to observe the anniversary liturgically, educationally, and civically.

Consultations are underway, or are planned, with a number of important partners, including:

- the international “Legacy of Calvin” consultation, Geneva, Spring 2007
- the Presbyterian Historical Society
- the Office of the General Assembly
- the Lutheran-Reformed Theology Committee
- the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church
- the World Alliance of Reformed Churches

The Office of Theology and Worship will initiate conversations within the General Assembly Council program areas to ensure that activities are coordinated.