

Call for Proposals

Despite having been at the forefront of many ecumenical efforts, Reformed Christians have a long internal history of disaffiliation as well as of affiliation. For example, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is currently in the midst of a significant breakaway of congregations. What are the criteria by which the Reformed have divided or united, and how can that history help us understand emerging divisions and affiliations among the Reformed? Proposals are especially encouraged that address the following themes:

- The history of schism and affiliation among Reformed churches
- The achievements and failures of worldwide Reformed partnerships, such as WARC and WCRC
- Patterns of affiliating and dividing among the Reformed in former Western “mission fields”
- The relationships of Reformed voluntary associations to institutionalized denominations
- The effects of uniting and dividing on the missional fruitfulness of Reformed churches

Mission

This Group seeks to open up the Reformed tradition for critical review and study, focusing on its characteristic themes in theology and historical patterns of polity and practice. Our aim is to present panels and paper sessions that balance historical with theological methods, single

figures within larger cultural movements, and core themes with emerging or forgotten elements of Reformed thought and practice. In all of these topics, we hope to demonstrate the vitality, originality, and diversity of Reformed Christianity in its world-wide expression.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to steering committee members.

Questions?

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