

Affirmation of Reformed Doctrine and Life

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.
She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner,
loved by Jesus and loving him.

The church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom
to call everyone to know and follow Christ
and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus
there is forgiveness of sin
and new life for all who repent and believe.
As leaders in the church, we will follow Jesus,
seeking to serve him and his church in love.

– adapted from “Our World Belongs to God” (2008), ¶35 & 41

Acknowledging the authority of God’s Word,
we submit to it in all matters of life and faith.
We affirm as ecumenical expressions of the Christian faith
the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.
We affirm as historic Reformed expressions of the Christian faith
the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort.
Grateful for these expressions of faith,
we promise to fully support and commit to them.
We heartily believe and will promote their doctrines faithfully,
conforming our preaching, teaching, writing, serving, and living to them.

– adapted from Covenant for Office bearers (2012 proposal)

May the King of the church work in us by his Holy Spirit,
increasing our faith as we show his grace
to the glory of him who prayed that all his own be one in him.

– adapted from synodical Public Declaration of Agreement with the Forms of Unity