

*For First Reading, CANAAC Business Plenary, February 27, 2008*

*For Second Reading/Vote, CANAAC Business Plenary, February 28, 2008*

*Action Taken: Referred to Steering Committee, February 28, 2008, to work with North American Planning Committee for the Uniting General Council*

**Proposal submitted by:** Rev. Neal D. Presa, CANAAC Convenor/Chair

**Action Requested:** That CANAAC next meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Grand Rapids, MI just prior to the convening of the Uniting General Council of the union of the WARC and REC to become the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC).

Background: At the CANAAC reorganization meeting in March 2006 in Techny, IL, the CANAAC was intention about insuring that the Area Council be a regional expression of WARC and aligning its plans and work with that of the Alliance and its General Council. Part of this intentionality was having CANAAC meet three times between meetings of the septennial (about every 7 yrs.) General Council, where the first meeting would be to review the priorities of the General Council and set goals, the second meeting spending more time engaged in contextual work related to the core priorities, and the third meeting devoted to preparing the Area Council for the next General Council.

In February 2006, representatives from WARC and the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC) discerned the leading of God's Spirit in moving towards uniting the two organizations to form a new body.

At the October 2007 meeting of the WARC Executive Committee in Trinidad, the proposal to unite the two organizations and form the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) was approved.

Plans are already underway to hold a Uniting General Council in Grand Rapids, MI from Thursday, June 17-Friday, June 26, 2010.

Several options that could be considered are: (1) Do not meet until after the Uniting General Council, presumably later in 2010 or in 2011; (2) Meet during the Uniting General Council; (3) Meet immediately after the Uniting General Council; or (4) Meet just prior to the Uniting General Council.

This proposal would have the Area Council meet for one day just prior to the convening of the Uniting General Council as a way to prepare delegates for the work of the General Council. This would avoid a large gap of time between our Guyana meeting and the Grand Rapids meeting. It would also cut costs as many delegates who would be at the Uniting General Council could attend the Area Council meeting.