

Introduction to the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) and the Global Reformed Advocacy Platform Engagement (GRAPE)

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World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)



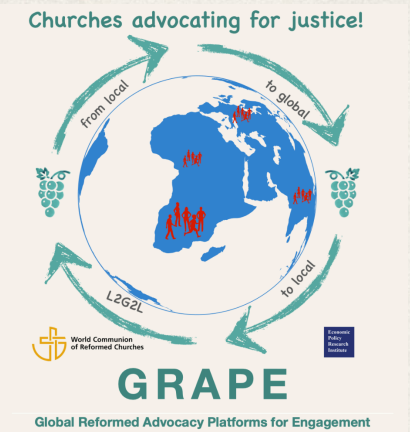
- ❖ The **World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)** is a global Christian organization that brings together Reformed and Presbyterian churches worldwide.
- ❖ The WCRC focuses on fostering unity, promoting shared faith, and advocating for social justice in the world, especially through ecumenical efforts.
- ❖ The WCRC represents a network of over 100 member denominations, with an estimated 80 million members

WCRC Member Churches in South Africa



1. Dutch Reformed Church (Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk)
2. Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (Nederduitse ereformeerde Kerk in Afrika)
3. Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa (Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika)
4. Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa
5. Maranatha Reformed Church of Christ
6. People's Church of Africa (Volkskerk van Afrika)
7. Presbyterian Church of Africa
8. Reformed Church in Africa
9. United Congregational Church of Southern Africa
10. Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa
11. Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

- ❖ The WCRC's core beliefs are grounded in the Reformed tradition, which emphasises the sovereignty of God, the authority of Scripture, the priesthood of all believers, and the importance of living out one's faith in the world.
- ❖ The WCRC is committed to social justice and human rights and addressing issues like poverty, inequality, and environmental justice.



Global Reformed Advocacy Platform Engagement (GRAPE)



- ❖ GRAPE is an initiative by the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) aimed at addressing economic and climate justice through proactive church-led advocacy currently implemented in South Africa and Kenya.
- ❖ In South Africa, GRAPE focuses on advocating for a Universal Basic Income Grant (UBIG) to combat poverty, unemployment, and inequality.
- ❖ The campaign seeks to introduce a UBIG of at least R760 per person monthly for individuals aged 18 to 59 by 2028.
- ❖ This effort involves collaboration with national organizations and utilizes church networks to disseminate information and mobilize support across the nation.